

Saint Catherine of Siena Religious Education

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Dear Parents,

Greetings and blessings to you and your family. I hope this letter finds you well and looking forward to the upcoming summer months. This is also the time to register your child(ren) for the upcoming Religious Education year! I have attached the Re-registration form (**due June 27th to avoid \$50.00 late fee**) as well as the flyer for the first day of classes/parent meeting.

Religious Education Classes for K - 8 begin on Sunday, September 18th, at Henry James Memorial School on Firetown Road in Simsbury, from 9:30 AM to 10:30AM. Those students registered in the morning Confirmation Classes will also attend class from 9:15AM - 10:30AM. If you are registering your teen for CONFIRMATION I (Grade 9) please indicate next to your teen's name a morning or evening preference. CONFIRMATION II (Grade 10) teens stay in the same class with the same teacher. The Confirmation Calendar will be available on our website.

There will be a Parents' Meeting held in the cafeteria on the first day of class while the children are in class. You will receive additional information about meetings and events and the opportunity to learn about your child's formation at this meeting.

In keeping with the Archdiocesan "Safe Environment for Children" mandate, all children in Grades K-8 will participate in the "Child Lures" program. As a trained facilitator, I will offer this session to each group on a specific date: Grades K-2 on Oct. 30th, 3 & 4 on Nov. 6th, 5 & 6 on Dec. 11th and 7 & 8 on Dec. 18th. Any and all parents are invited to sit in on these sessions held in the cafeteria. For more information, click on the "Child Lures" on the online registration form.

Additional forms for Re-registration are available on our website as well as the Rel. Ed. Calendar and the Confirmation I & II Calendar for 2016-2017. **New Student Registration Forms (blue) can only be found in the church atrium, my office or the parish office, and must be done in person. New students, including siblings, should not be listed on the re-registration form.** The class lists for Kindergarten through Confirmation II Classes will be posted on our website in early September, www.stcatherine.info/ If you are not able to access the web, please do not hesitate to call me, or email me. The class lists will also be posted at Henry James on the first day as usual. Be sure to note your child's teacher and classroom number. **If there is a N/R next to your child's name, we have not received the Re-registration Form. Please register your child immediately if that is the case.**

As parents you have the most important role developing and nurturing a deep faith in God and His Son, Jesus. It is the commitment and promise made at your child's baptism that you take up each week by attending Mass and bringing them to Religion classes. That commitment makes their time each week in class even more meaningful. Your dedication and support to the catechists is very much appreciated.

I look forward to seeing you and your child(ren) on September 18th. **If you can't make the meeting** or have a question, **please call me** anytime.

In the Lord's Peace,

Kathi Bonner, Director of Religious Education