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**Dear Parents/Guardians,**

**“The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called “the domestic church,” a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity.”**

***(Catechism of the Catholic Church, 1666).***

**You, as parents and guardians, hold a lot of responsibility raising your children in the faith. Your role as primary catechist, the first teacher, is everything. Ensuring the next generation is raised to know, love and serve God is crucial. The handing on of the faith is what we are all about as a Church. Because of your vital role it is so important that we, as a community, do everything we can to support you!**

**A few months ago I asked some key staff members from Blessed Mother Teresa and Our Lady of Pompeii to gather to dream up a comprehensive plan for faith formation for our communities. I cannot believe what they were able to put together. Coming this fall, families from both parishes will have more options for faith formation and we are now able to offer multiple options for each grade level at varying days, times and locations. Youth ministry opportunities for experiences like retreats, game nights, camps, etc. will also be available to the middle and high school youth from both parishes. There really is something for everyone and I am so excited to see this all come to fruition.**

**In the coming months, the official calendars and details for Sacraments will be worked out and communicated to families. In the meantime, I hope that you’ll take a moment to really look through the attached paperwork outlining what we will be offering this fall and get your children signed up!**

**You’ll also see some great opportunities to help out. Thanks in advance if you’re feeling called to serve the Church by being a part of one of our teams.**

**Thank you for your faith and for fulfilling your commitment to sharing that faith with the children God has brought into your life.**

**Peace,**

**Fr Dave Richards**