

The Church of Saint Agnes



August 26, 2017

Dear Saint Agnes Parents,

As we come to the end of summer and begin a new school year, preparations have been made for our 2017-18 Saint Agnes Religious Education Program. Thanks to the success of our Rummage Sale, we are once again able to provide free Religious Education and Sacramental preparation for your children. This is a savings of at least 40.00 per child.

I believe we have a fun and exciting program planned for you and your child(ren) this year. It is my hope and prayer that our attendance and participation at Mass and at our Religious Education Sessions will be better this year. Please understand that much donated time, preparation, and money is spent to give your children the best in religious faith formation. The catechist's and I can only do so much. We need your support!!!

On September 10, 2017, after the 10:00AM Mass, we will have an Opening Day Celebration in the Church Hall. You will have a chance to meet your child(ren)'s catechist, and see the new programs we will be using to help with your child(ren)'s faith formation. Refreshments will be available.

I have enclosed the 2017-2018 Religious Education Calendar and Registration Forms in your packet. You can also find them on our Saint Agnes Web-page: www.saintagneselyria.org, or on the Religious Education Table located in the front vestibule. Please fill out one form for *each child* attending one of our Religious Education Programs (be sure to fill out both sides of the form) and place them in the collection basket, or bring them to our Opening Day Celebration.

For those interested, there will be a Praesidium Session at St Mary Church on November 6, 2017 @ 6:30PM. This program is offered each year, free of cost to families. It is a wonderful program that gives you information on keeping your child safe from abuse and preserving trust. I attended the session last year, and it opened my eyes to dangers I had never even considered. If you would like more information please contact me.

Although, some changes have been made in this year's program, one thing remains the same. Our Religious Education Sessions will be on Sunday mornings, and they will begin with attendance at the 10:00AM Mass. The Mass is the source and summit of our faith. It is the greatest gift we can give our children.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can call or email me anytime. I look forward to a great faith journey with you and your child(ren)!

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