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Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you having a blessed, safe, and enjoyable summer. Enclosed you will find the Christian Formation registration materials for your child(ren) for the 2018-2019 school year.

The registration deadline is August 15th! After that date \$50 per student will be added to all registrations.

The following items must be returned to the CF office to process your registration:

1. **Registration form** (ivory inserts, one per student) - *each form completed in full so that our records can be updated.*
2. **Financial Agreement form** (blue insert, one per family)
3. **Parent Volunteer form** (salmon insert, one per family)
4. **Fees** (minimum deposit of \$50 per student via SCRIP credit, cash, or check)

Calendars for all the Christian Formation programs will be published in the Family Handbook. They will be available on the website in July as well as at our first Potluck session. We will begin the year for all CF families grade K3 - 12th with our kick off meeting and pot-luck breakfast on Sunday Sep 9th from 9 - 10:15 AM in Kemp Hall. The children and parents will have an opportunity at this time to meet the catechists and then the catechists and children will go to their classrooms. As the children are getting to know their classmates the parents will have an opportunity to learn more about our CF series and how to become more involved in your child's formation.

Regarding Sacrament prep, parents as the first teachers of their children in the faith are actively involved in preparing them to receive **First Reconciliation and First Communion** and guidance with that will begin in January with a parent meeting for all 2nd grade parents. Classroom catechesis for these Sacraments begins in 1st grade. **Parents of 9th & 10th graders:** note the policies on the back side of this page which are relevant to your son/daughter's future eligibility for the sacrament of Confirmation.

I thank you all for your past support and involvement and look forward to another year of working together to provide our children and youth with opportunities to learn and grow as more committed followers of Christ and more engaged members of the church.

Peace & Blessings,

Michelle Fellin
Christian Formation Coordinator

Archdiocesan guidelines state that students preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation must be in their Junior year of high school and/or 16 years old at the time they are confirmed. In order to be confirmed, they should have one year of "immediate" preparation for the sacrament as well as two years of "remote" preparation. The "immediate" preparation would be the program you register for in your Junior year of high school which leads directly to the celebration of the sacrament. The "remote" preparation would be two previous years of religious instruction, or their equivalent. That means that students who wish to prepare for Confirmation should be involved in their parish Christian Formation programs or in theology classes in a Catholic high school for their Freshman and Sophomore years.

Current St. Agnes registration procedures spell out the following options for enforcing the archdiocesan guidelines:

“Students who wish to enter the “immediate” preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation must have achieved “Complete” status for each of the four semesters of Christian Formation during their Freshman and Sophomore years. Students with “Incomplete” status must do the required makeup work either prior to or during the early stages of the “immediate” preparation.” If you have not attended Catholic high school theology classes nor participated in a Christian Formation program either at St. Agnes or another parish for either of grades 9 or 10, or both, and you want to get confirmed before you finish high school, here are your options:

- ✠ **you could complete the necessary makeup work for the "remote" preparation in the summer before you enter your Junior year of "immediate" preparation; OR,**
- ✠ **you could complete the necessary makeup work for the "remote" preparation during your Junior year of high school and postpone the "immediate" preparation until your Senior year.”**

For students who choose not to participate in Confirmation preparation during their high school years but may be interested as they get older, most parishes including St. Agnes and college campus ministry centers offer adult Confirmation programs.