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Dear Faith Formation Parents,

Christ is risen! He is risen indeed!

This is the traditional greeting of the Church in this Easter season, when we celebrate the joy of the Risen Lord in a special way. I hope that your family has been touched by the joy of this season, despite the many challenges posed by our current economic situation.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback we received, we are continuing registration by mail. Please read the instructions and registration booklet carefully, follow the instructions and fill out all forms. Mail or walk in the paperwork with your fee payment **no earlier than Monday, May 18th**.

The second part of registration differs according to the program. For all Elementary classes, there will be a Placement Day on Sunday, August 23rd. You will be assigned a time slot to come to the Parish Hall and pick your child's class time and day. The time slot will be determined by the order in which we receive your forms starting May 18th. The sooner you return your forms, the earlier your time slot and the broader your choices for class day and time.

For all other programs, you will be informed as to the day and time of the organizational meeting for that program. This does not mean that returning your forms promptly is unimportant. The Family Program is in great demand and we always have a waiting list. The availability of the Middle School Program varies based on the number of catechists we have. In general, the sooner we receive your forms, the better for all of us. Again, please do call the office if you have any questions.

Our fees remain the same this year at \$130/family plus a \$40 Sacrament fee if applicable. Fr. Padraig has asked me to remind you that our fees cover program and office expenses, but they do not cover Faith Formation staff salaries. Your stewardship of treasure in the weekend collections is needed for that. At the same time, please know that **full and partial scholarships are available in cases of need**. All requests will be handled in a discreet and confidential manner.

Please note that we are suspending the Preschool program for 2009-2010 due to low attendance. We are grateful to the catechists who have given their time and talent to this program

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to gratefully acknowledge Bernardo Reyes, our departing High School Youth Minister for the gift of his ministry to our faith community. We wish him well as he prepares for his wedding in December, and in all his future endeavors.

In Christ,

Anna Horen
Pastoral Associate
Director of Faith Formation