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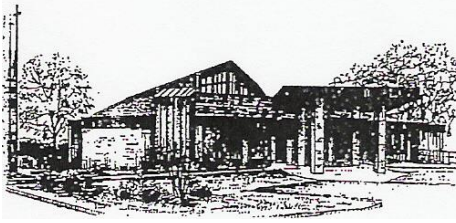
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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As summer slowly winds down, our thoughts move to the new school year and our children's education. As Catholics, this also means the religious education of our children. St. Maurice Parish has a very active Religious Education Program that we are very proud of and which is staffed by caring and energetic catechists. Although you, as the parents and guardians, are the primary educators of your children, **it is also necessary to formally educate your children in religion if they are not currently attending a Catholic school.**

The Diocese of Pittsburgh mandates that children must complete a certain number of years of religious education before certain sacraments can be performed. If you desire your children to receive First Reconciliation and First Communion, typically administered in second grade, they would need to complete **two full years** of religious instruction by attending first and second grade religious education. If you desire your children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, typically administered in eighth grade, they would need to complete **three full years** of religious education.

Our parish records indicate that you currently have children who are not enrolled in our Religious Education Program or at East Catholic School. We want to make sure that every child in our parish has the opportunity to attend religious education classes (CCD). If your children are currently attending a different Catholic school, they are receiving the appropriate instruction. We would like to update our records to indicate the school/home school program your children are attending. **Please call me at 412-351-6710 or email me at stmauriceparish-ccd@comcast.net and give me your children's names and the schools they are attending. If, however, your children are not attending a Catholic school, we would like to invite them to attend our St. Maurice Religious Education Program.**

Enclosed is a Registration Form for the 2017-2018 Religious Education Program. **Please complete it as thoroughly as possible and return it to the Parish Center Office or place it in the CCD Registration box in the back of the church as soon as possible.** The tuition is \$25 per child. If there are extenuating circumstances which make paying the tuition a burden, please contact me directly to discuss other options.

Catechetical Sunday will take place on **Sunday, September 17**. We will be honoring all of our catechists at the 10:00 AM Mass. We hope that your family can join us for this celebration. Our **Parent Meeting** will occur on the first day of classes, **Sunday, September 24**, at 8:30 AM in Keane Hall. **We ask that at least one parent attend this important meeting.** While the students are in their classes, I will review our policies, procedures, and CVOL with you. Classes convene on Sundays at 8:30 AM and dismiss at 9:45 AM, which makes it convenient for families to attend the 10:00 AM Mass together.

Should you have any questions about our program, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to working with you and your children in the near future.

Sincerely,

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