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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Greetings! As we begin to make preparations for the new school year we would like to make you aware of our Religious Education Program at St. Maurice Parish. According to the Parish records, your children appear to be eligible for our pre-k, kindergarten, or first grade classes.

Our program starts in pre-kindergarten with children who will be at least four years old by August 2016. Although you are the primary educator of the faith, pre-kindergarten Religious Education can be a strong asset to the faith life of your children. As they attend our program they will become involved in the community, along with their peers, and learn about God, Jesus, bible stories and prayers.

First grade religious instruction is **essential**, especially if you desire that your children receive First Holy Communion in the second grade. ***The Diocese of Pittsburgh requires two years of religious instruction before receiving First Communion; so all children must complete the first grade curriculum before moving to second grade.***

I hope that you will enroll your children in our Religious Education Program. **Classes will begin on Sunday, September 25**, and will meet each Sunday **from 8:30-9:45 AM**, which makes it convenient for families to attend the 10:00 AM Mass together. Our **Parent Meeting** will also convene on **September 25 at 8:30 AM** while the students are in class.

I have enclosed a registration form and the cover letter which was mailed to the current families and contains specific information regarding Catechetical Sunday, fees, the parent meeting, and the due date for receipt of the registration form.

I would be more than happy to speak to you about our program if you have any questions. I look forward to working with you and your children in the very near future.

With thanks,

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