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Dear Home School Parents,

Pope John Paul II, in his "Letter to Families," reaffirmed the right of parents to teach their children about our Catholic faith when he stated: "Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children.."

But please remember homes based formal religious education is a cooperative effort between you as parents, your children, our Parish community and our Religious Education Office. It is our goal then to keep you informed of any upcoming catechetical program activities. You are a part of the parish's total catechetical effort and are not only welcomed, but encouraged to participate. We as a parish must monitor the progress of our children's religious education and we therefore must be kept updated and informed of your child's progress.

We are attaching the Parish Home School Guidelines for Religious Education. We need you to review these and sign stating your commitment to home school your child, or children, for religious education. This needs to be returned to our office with the registration form and appropriate book fee(s) before August 23rd, 2009 so that we may place the appropriate order.

As you review the enclosure please know we are always happy to answer any questions you may have or discuss any aspect of your child's religious education. Please feel free to give us a call or send us an e-mail.

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