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Dear Parishioners,

Our parish mission statement calls us to “form loving disciples.” To assist parishioners in that objective, we offer faith formation opportunities for every member of our parish community. In years past, programs centered on religious instruction only for children. Now the Church focuses on realizing the vision of Vatican II that calls *each person, regardless of age*, to active participation in the life of the church. You will find that all the Faith Formation programs offered at Saint Katharine Drexel are designed for lifelong growth in faith.

Enclosed you will find a brochure describing the options we will have available this coming fall as well as an enrollment form. Please note both our core faith formation programs and all of the supplemental options available.

Sacramental Preparation for Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation for children and youth occurs separate from our ongoing faith formation programs. If you have a child participating in or entering a sacramental preparation process for Reconciliation, Eucharist or Confirmation, they must also be enrolled in either an Archdiocesan approved Catholic school or a parish program. All Sacrament Preparation is coordinated through the parish even if your child attends a Catholic school. Information regarding these sacraments will be sent out in a separate mailing.

This year, in an effort to encourage early registration, our household fee for Faith Formation will be determined by the date of registration. All registrations received before July 15th will only carry a \$50 household fee. Fees will go up the closer to the beginning of the school year are. By enrolling your household early we will be better able to plan our programs, order books, and enlist and train catechists. Our final household fee after August 31st increases to what you might find at our neighboring parishes.

We look forward to assisting each member of our community to grow deeper in faith. If you have any questions or suggestions please contact one of us for assistance.

In Christ's peace,

Rev. Keith W. Boisvert
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