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## Dear Parents,

As it is our custom, the Solemnity of the Assumption is when we begin to distribute our informational letter for the upcoming Religious Education Program. It seems fitting as all parents are entrusted with the responsibility of bringing their child(ren) to God following the example of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Our Religious Education Program for grades 1-5 and First Communion/Reconciliation Sacramental Preparation is a consolidated **ONE PROGRAM** for the three Parishes of St. Edward, St. Francis of Assisi, and Visitation. All families must register for the Religious Education Program, whether attending class in-person or homeschool.

The catechists are represented from all three parishes: Dian Duyck and Patrick Weis (North Plains), Diane Ramsperger (Roy) and Genelle Duyck and Tammy Scheenstra (Verboort). Each of our familiar catechists teach an assigned grade. Furthermore, we have qualified and dedicated catechists as substitutes: Jeanne Marie Weis and Nancy Vandehey (North Plains).

For planning purposes, please be aware that the Program cost for the books and fees is \$25 (Grades 1, 3, 4 and 5) and \$45 (Sacramental Prep) with scholarships available by contacting Tammy Scheenstra. Attached is a brochure of all the Program information and important dates as well as registration form that you can fill out and turn in on the first day of Class, which kicks off with Holy Mass on Wednesday, September 11th at 4:00pm.

If there are any questions, please contact Tammy Scheenstra 971-245-9913 or tammy.scheenstra@hotmail.com.

In Christ,

Fr. Michael Pastor