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Dear Parents,

The education of children in matters of faith has always been and continues to be the primary role of parents in the home and family setting. The Catechism of the Catholic Church states,

"Education in the faith by the parents should begin in the child's earliest years. This already happens when family members help one another to grow in faith by the witness of a Christian life in keeping with the Gospel. Family catechesis precedes, accompanies, and enriches other forms of instruction in the faith. Parents have the mission of teaching their children to pray and to discover their vocation as children of God."

The purpose of our parish religious education program is primarily to help you raise your children in the practice of the faith. Our in-person classes are intended to complement your home instruction by providing you with resources to help you nurture your children's faith and to enrich your own faith as well. The most important thing we do to strengthen and sustain our faith and the faith of our children is our faithful attendance at Mass each week. It is in receiving the Eucharist that we are closest to the Lord and to one another.

Enclosed with this letter is a registration form for the 2023-2024 school year. Please return a completed form for each child in your family to Saint Anthony Church by August 12, 2023 so we can plan our program based on the number of students and families who will be participating. We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Sincerely,

Diane Usher  
Director of Religious Education