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Dear Parents,

We hope this letter finds you and your families doing well as another school year is wrapping up and summer vacation is about to begin. We want to extend our gratitude once more to our amazing catechists and to all of you for your dedication, flexibility and support that made this faith formation year a truly blessed one! Looking ahead, we are excited to share our summer events and the 2024-2025 Faith Formation calendar with registration form for our PSR, RTC and Sacramental Programs.

First up, we are super excited for our schedule of summer events which currently includes the Kid's Drive-in Movie on Wednesday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and Vacation Bible School from Monday July 8<sup>th</sup> through Friday, July 12<sup>th</sup> from 9:30-12noon each day. (On Friday, we'll end with our VBS family picnic AND "Foam on the Fly" fun! See the VBS flyer included in this packet!) We have a small group of young people and adults on a Summer Youth Mission Trip to Pennsylvania from June 23<sup>rd</sup> through the 28<sup>th</sup> (Please hold us in prayer for safe travels and meaningful service) and NEW this year, we will be hosting a Back-to-School Beach Bonanza for ALL of our faith formation families out at Roundup Lake in Mantua on Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> from 12:30-6pm. Everyone will be encouraged to join at Resurrection for the 11am outdoor Mass and then caravan to Roundup Lake Campground for a potluck cookout, games, swimming, canoeing and more! Stay tuned for more information and a sign-up coming out in late June for this fun in the sun family outing!

For PSR (our K-6 grade youth) we will continue to gather for regular sessions on Saturday mornings from 9:30-10:45am. In addition, there are several Family Masses on Saturdays (at 5pm Mass) and Sundays (at the 11am Mass) followed by meals, miniretreats, fun and faith-filled family events. These have been integrated into the regular faith formation schedule for ALL of our PSR, RTC and Sacramental Preparation families and we look forward to sharing faith and fun together throughout the year ahead!

In addition to PSR, our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders or all those older than 2<sup>nd</sup> grade who have not yet received First Eucharist will participate in our "Holy Family" Communion Preparation Program, while our 6<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in our "Be Forgiven" Reconciliation Preparation Program. More information about First Communion and First Reconciliation will be coming out in early Fall!

Our RTC (7-12 grade youth) will continue to follow the schedule we implemented last year which includes gathering for sessions on occasional Sunday evenings from 6-7:30pm AND at and after various Saturday 5pm and Sunday 11am Masses throughout the year.

In addition to RTC, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will participate in our Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program which will begin in the Fall with an overnight retreat in January and the Sacrament of Confirmation at Resurrection on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Stay tuned for a separate Confirmation letter and schedule coming out later this summer!

When they are not at a Confirmation session, our 10<sup>th</sup> graders will join with our 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders at RTC break-out sessions that encourage our older teens to continue to grow in faith, service and community!

If your family is planning on participating in our PSR, RTC and Sacramental Preparation programs for the 2024-2025 faith formation year, we ask that you PLEASE fill out the enclosed REGISTRATION and MEDIA RELEASE FORM (double-sided). We ask that these forms, along with your registration fee, be returned to the parish office by SUNDAY, JUNE 9th. The fees for the 2024-2025 Faith Formation Year will remain the same as last year: \$120 (one child), \$170 (two children) and \$220 (three or more children). Please make checks payable to "Church of the Resurrection" with your family name and "Faith Formation" in the Memo. If you have a financial difficulty that prevents you from including the registration fee with your forms, please contact us, arrangements can be made.

We are looking forward to another wonderful year ahead. As always, if you have any questions, concerns or if your child(ren) or family have special needs that we should be aware of and can accommodate in our planning and preparation, please reach out to our Office:

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We will be connecting with you throughout the summer via electronic communication – email, social media, etc. and you can look for "class" assignments and other pertinent information in early August. We have included a schedule of sessions and events to help you in planning for the year ahead. We are grateful for your continued commitment and dedication to the faith formation of your child(ren). We KNOW how full everyone's lives are and we are encouraged that you place value on the opportunity to grow and enrich the faith life of your family and stay connected to our Resurrection Parish family. We look forward to walking with you on the road ahead.

Peace,

Julie Tragon

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