July 25, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is time to plan for the 2017-2018 school year and begin the preparations for our Religious Education program here at St. Joseph Marello Parish.

We ask you to complete the included Registration Form and return it no later than August 21, 2017. You may drop it in the collection basket or bring/mail it to the parish office. **All children enrolled in our program must complete a form.** Extra forms are can be found online at the parish website (www.sjmparish.org) or in the vestibule.

We will also have one registration session on Monday August 21, 2017 from 6:00 to 7:00 in the conference room. All **new** registrants must submit a copy of their baptismal certificate.

We ask a fee of $25.00 for the first child or $50.00 per family. Please include your payment with your registration forms. The registration fees cover some of the costs of books and supplies. Although these fees are normally required, money should not be a hindrance for the religious education of your child. If the fee proves to be a burden to your family, please contact Alicia Hintze at ccd@sjmparish.org or calling the parish office to discuss the matter.

If your child is seeking admission into the Sacramental Preparation Program for Confirmation, you should note the following Diocese guidelines. Confirmation is a two-year program beginning in seventh grade. Students must attend two years and follow the Confirmation guidelines as outlined in the Confirmation packet. The Confirmation Packet will be given out and reviewed at a mandatory meeting for parents in September. There is an additional fee of $25.00 for the 8th grade candidates, please include it with your registration fee.

Religious Education Classes will be held for grades 7 and 8 on Sundays from 9:15 to 10:30. Religious Education Classes will begin on Sunday, September 10, 2017. Please have your child report to the CCD classrooms downstairs.

We depend on many dedicated volunteers for the success of our program. If you would like to volunteer as a Catechist, Substitute, Aide, Hall Monitor, or if you need further assistance, please contact Alicia Hintze by email: ccd@sjmparish.org.

May the remaining weeks of summer be blessed for you and your family.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Joseph Elston

Pastor