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Dear Parents:

As you know, the continuing formation of your children is one of the most important things any parent and parish does for the next generation. Our School of Religious Education is our opportunity to provide a moral and religious foundation that your children will take with them when they venture out into the adult world. I would love to say that we offer the perfect solution for all our youth but I promise, we do the very best we can and pray for continued improvement. We always welcome volunteers and any ideas to improve the formation program we offer at St. John's and Our Lady.

With this being said, we need to address the fact that many people have been quite negligent as regards the enforcement of their children's CCD attendance. Many youth have missed more than 40% of the scheduled classes, yet all expect to move to the next level next year. We know, full well, that this record would not be tolerated in any other organization in which your child is involved. Because of this drop in attendance, I feel the need to reiterate our goals for religious education and remind parents of what is expected of you and your children in order to successfully complete the program.

First of all, children are required to follow the universal church law regarding attendance at Mass. If you do not uphold this most fundamental teaching of the church all other things learned will be seen as suspect by your child. Secondly, your children are expected to attend all classes, complete the work assigned, behaving in a manner that is befitting a classroom setting, including *zero-tolerance* cell phone policy.

Finally, since there are only 18 classes each year; if your children miss more than four *un-excused* classes, they will have to repeat the same grade next year. This obviously does not include serious illness or family tragedy, but the office will need to be notified.

Please know that this is being done because some have not taken seriously their responsibility and, in the final analysis, it is because we want to do everything in our power to prepare the next generation with a full formation of faith.

In order for you to register your child for the next school year, this letter must be signed and returned to the CCD office, which acknowledges your commitment and that of your child(ren).

We look forward to growing with you and your children.

Father Bayhi

Signature of Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature of Student(s): _____