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Dear Parents, Guardians, and Students,

WELCOME BACK To Another Great Year of Religious Education !

*God is the source of all wisdom and knowledge. Let us ask him to bless those who seek to learn,
their families, and their teachers.*

As we get into the swing of things with the start of the new school year, we also look ahead to another great year of Religious Education here at St. Andrew Parish. It is great to be back and we hope you have all had an enjoyable and safe summer and we look forward to sharing the Word of God with your child(ren). We recognize that many events keep your family busy and we appreciate the commitment that your family has made to religious education.

Thank you for registering your child(ren) for Religious Education. **If, by chance, you have not registered for Religious Education – IT’S NOT TOO LATE !** Just email me at chrisk@saintandrewbillerica.org or call the office at 978-663-3624.

You, as parents, have taken or are taking the first step in shaping your child’s life of faith. We are here to guide you and assist you through that process. Although you, the parents & guardians, are the primary educators of your children’s faith, a solid religious education program is essential and provides your child the opportunity to interact with peers in a faith-based environment. Together, family and Church can help our children learn about Jesus, our Catholic Faith, and how we can live as Christians in the world.

Here at St. Andrew, our Mass on Sunday is timed so that it “wraps” around the Religious Education class times, to perhaps make it easier for busy families to attend Mass. Mass times are at 4PM Saturday, 7:30 AM and 10:AM on Sunday.

THIS YEAR, in **Grade 8 – 10**, the classes will meet 12 times per year (approximately 2 times per month). The time of the class will be from 8:15 – 9:30 AM on Sunday in Fr. Wilson Hall. We are very

happy to present the CHOSEN Confirmation program to Grades 9 & 10. Grade 8 will be studying Morality this year.

Grade 7 will meet from 8:45 – 9:45 AM on Sunday in Fr. Wilson Hall (22 classes). Grade 7 will be studying the Bible this year.

Grades 1 – 6 will meet either on Sunday from 11:AM – 12:NOON or on Wednesday from 3:45 – 4:45PM in Fr. Wilson Hall (22 classes).

Religious Education for all grades will begin on Sunday, September 28, 2014 and Wednesday, October 1, 2014. The students will receive their books on the first day of class. Should a student be homeschooled, please contact Chris Kilburn at chrisk@saintandrewbillerica.org to make arrangements to pick up the materials. You will also be receiving via email a list of dates for Religious Education.

As you know, communication is an important part of our program. Please check the website, www.billericacatholic.org, and the parish bulletin regularly for announcements and information. During the year, you can expect to receive periodic emails informing you of various events that will be taking place both at St. Andrew and in the Catholic Community of Billerica.

Our mission in religious education is to collaborate with parents and guardians to form a new generation of Catholics who know and love Jesus Christ and live as His disciples in the community of the Catholic Church.

Would you be interested in teaching? We are in need of catechists on **SUNDAY for Grade 2 and 4** and on **WEDNESDAY for Grade 1,4,5, and 6**. If you are interested in teaching, please contact Chris Kilburn at chrisk@saintandrewbillerica.org or 978-663-3624.

We look forward to a wonderful year of faith-building with your child.

God Bless,

Chris Kilburn