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Dear Parents and Guardians,

St. Ignatius of Loyola said, "We ought to desire and choose only that which is more conducive to the end for which we are created - to praise, reverence, and serve God through serving other...beings." I want to thank you for allowing me and all my catechetical teams the opportunity to praise and serve God by serving you and your children through our faith formation programs.

I am privileged to serve and support you in praising, reverencing and sharing the love of God with your children in their faith formation. There are many ways in which you continuously form your children's faith. This is done on a daily basis, through your actions and interactions with others. The National Directory for Catechesis states, "... the Church promises to help parents foster their children's faith..." (235). Supporting and adhering to these words is the goal of the formation programs and events offered at St. Anastasia Parish. Understanding our Catholic faith, its history, sacraments, liturgy... is foundation for growing in the faith, encountering Christ and living, reverencing, praising and sharing the love of God.

One of the programs that we offer children to grow in the faith is the Wednesday evening Parish Religious Education Program [PREP]. This program serves children Preschool age 4 through the 8th grade.

Enclosed are the following forms and information for the upcoming catechetical year:

- A. Parish Religious Education Program Registration Form for 2023-2024: Complete and return**
- B. Child Photography Release Form: Sign and return**
- C. PREP Calendar for 2023-2024**
- D. Drop off and Pick up carline instructions**

As I experience the joy that comes with serving God by serving others, it spreads to those who are being served. I look forward to spreading it to you and your children throughout the coming months and years.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Denise Pressley

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