

August 4, 2011

Greetings in Christ,

I pray this letter finds you enjoying the last month of your summer vacation – it's amazing how fast this summer has flown by. It's truly been a great summer for the youth of Sts. Peter and Paul Church. Starting with the Catholic Vacation Bible School for the younger kids, and the two mission trips, and two summer camps for the Junior and Senior High students that will be going on the next two weeks, we have had great opportunities to grow in our Catholic Faith this summer. I pray that you were able to take advantage of these great opportunities and keep Christ as the focal point of your summer.

Just as last year, we are excited about the upcoming Family Faith Formation year and hope you all feel the same way. It was great spending time as a parish family dining together every week on the delicious meals, and then growing in our faith together as children of God. I pray you will find this year an even more rewarding year for you and your family.

Our Religious Education kickoff and first class will be on **Wednesday, Sept 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm** with our first classes of the year for grades K-8 and nationally acclaimed speaker, Sean Dalton, speaking at our first night of Adult Education.. *As with last year, our evening will begin with the dinner/social at 5:30pm with classes starting at 6:15pm.* There is no registration required for the Adult Education talks, and our dinners are a free will offering!

Everyone is invited to join us for an excellent meal and fellowship. Our K-8 program will be from 6:15pm-7:15pm, the same as last year. All 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation during this time. ALL ADULTS are invited for our weekly Adult Education from 6:20pm-7:10pm with Father Gallas, and periodic special guest speakers.

One of the great Faith Formation changes you may remember from last fall is the lower cost – it is \$70/child!! Please see the registration form for the cost breakdown for families and teachers.

Our high school gathering will have their dinner/social and open gym from 7:15pm-7:45pm followed by our gathering time from 7:45pm-9:00pm. *There will not be a charge for our high school teens*, and their friends, to be involved in our high school program. We are working with a group of teens to put together an outstanding high school program for everyone in grades 9-12 this fall.

Even though there is no cost for the 9-12 grade program, to help us better prepare for the upcoming year, we are encouraging everyone to register. At Confirmation **you made a commitment** to be a witness to the faith, and staying involved in the parish youth program is an important part of that commitment.

Please complete the enclosed registration form and return it to the parish office by Wednesday, August 31st; after that, there is a \$15 late fee/per child. If you have any questions, please contact me at 479-2810 or Sherry at 479-2813. Enclosed you will also find a copy of the upcoming Faith Formation year calendar.

In Christ,

Ryan Heim

Enclosures