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Dear Parents/Guardians,

At Baptism, parents commit to raising their children in the Catholic faith, forming them by example and instruction. Faith formation is a life long journey which is supported by a partnership with the Church through Religious Education opportunities. Approximately seven years ago, St. Julie decided to experiment with a Summer Intensive Religious Education program. Students in the Summer Intensive attended three hours of course work daily for two weeks. In addition, families are expected to stay connected throughout the school year by participating in Sunday Mass and attending other Religious Education activities such as grade level Masses, Going to God Together and Port Lunches to name a few opportunities.

Recently, after an evaluation of the Summer Intensive, we have decided to discontinue this program. Summertime is traditionally a time to relax, regroup and renew. As such, it has become increasingly difficult to recruit catechists for the program. Furthermore, we have noticed that a significant number of families struggle to maintain a connection throughout the year as is expected.

It is our hope that through the regular, ongoing gathering of our young people for Religious Education, they will have a better experience of deepening their relationship with Jesus, building up the community of faith and learning to witness their faith to the world. We look forward to continuing our partnership with your family as we prepare for a new Religious Education year in September.

Peace and Prayers,