



Dear Parents,

I hope you are all doing well and enjoying summer. It has been far too long since we have seen many of our children and youth at Guardian Angels and we miss them. We are looking forward to welcoming them back for live in-person Faith Formation on Wednesday evenings, 6:15-7:30 p.m. starting this October. We are calling our Faith Formation Programs "**Growing in Faith Together**" (**GIFT**) as we build a partnership between parents, volunteers, and our church in supporting the faith development of our children. To help your family budget, **all our programs are offered for free this year** if registration is received by September 30.

We are aware that children under 12 are not currently eligible to receive the COVID-19 vaccine and we will put appropriate safety protocols in place to protect them and our volunteers this fall. We encourage all children 12 and older to get the vaccine as the CDC recommends the vaccination to help protect against COVID-19. Widespread vaccination is a critical tool to help stop the pandemic. People who are fully vaccinated can resume activities that they did prior to the pandemic.

Please look over the attached GIFT Program Descriptions and return the GIFT Registration Form along with the signed Waivers for electronic communication and COVID in case we need to go online at some point this year. We welcome and need your help volunteering in our programs as we seek to be church together, so please consider serving as a teacher or helper. We will support you and it's a rewarding experience to build relationships and nurture the faith of young people. We are working out a few details with staffing and schedules so that information will be sent to you later.

Please contact me with any questions you have. We look forward to a great year with our children and youth!

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