



August 2016

Dear Parents,

Welcome to another year of Faith Formation here at Santa Maria del Mar Catholic Church. I am so excited to welcome your children into the 2016-17 Faith Formation Programs. If you still need to register your child, forms are available in the gathering area, and you can register online at www.smdmcc.org.

Included in this letter you will find:

- The schedule for your child's program (see back of this letter)
- An opt-out form for our mandatory class on Touching Safety

Our first class this year is a "Meet and Greet Orientation" on September 11th for the Lamp and Life Teen (during class times) and September 14th for the Light Program. This is an opportunity to greet your teachers, pick up your class materials and learn about all we have to offer our youth at Santa Maria del Mar. Bring your calendars because our Core and Catechists will go over the Faith Formation Calendar, our Parent Handbook and have you "Save the Dates" for our special events of the 2016-17 school year. We want all families to know how much you and your children are loved and supported by our Santa Maria del Mar church family.

After our initial Meet and Greet Orientation dates, all programs will begin on September 18, 2016. The Lamp will meet in the morning for their regular class time. We will have a Kick-off for The Light and The Life Teen Programs called, **SMdM's Block Party**. We will meet at the 5pm Sunday evening mass and then go outside to enjoy a BBQ and lots of games! All are welcome! We will be finished by 8 pm.

Please read the enclosed letter on Touching Safety. This is a mandatory class provided by our Diocese to help ensure your child's safety. You have the opportunity to "opt out" and must turn in the form enclosed by your letter's deadline. I am looking forward to a great year with your children. God bless and if you have any questions, please call the office at (386) 439-2791.

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