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Hello St. Mary and St. Augustine families!

My name is Laura Reiter and I have assumed the position as the Coordinator for Youth Religious Education for our parish cluster. I have been involved in the program, most currently as the 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for the past 20 years and am very excited to have taken on this role. I have many ideas on how to make the program more organized, ensure better communication between myself and families, teach the faith to our youth, encourage Christian values, and nurture the growth of love for Jesus in the hearts of all.

Class times will remain the same, Wednesdays after school until 5PM with the last week of the month off. The bus from the public school will still transport children to class. Children can still participate in the Youth Choir after class, from 5:00-5:30 pm. I have included the calendar of classes and choir rehearsals for the school year.

However, there are a few changes, including:

- A meal will now be served to all students, K-8<sup>th</sup>, before class starts
- A new curriculum will be used for all grades
- Some restructuring of class levels will take place
- A new Reward System will be implemented
- A High School Youth Group will be starting

There will be a brief informational meeting concerning the next Religious Education year on **Wednesday, August 20 at 5:30PM in the Corpus Christi Center (CCC)**. I will review the changes in more detail and respond to your questions and concerns for the program. I hope all of you can attend. I am looking forward to getting to know each family better.

Blessings,

Laura Reiter
Coordinator of Youth Religious Education