

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish
Religious Education
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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Faith Formation Education Program. As we begin a new school year, my staff and I are looking forward to serving you and your children.

We hope this summer has been filled with many blessings for you and that your children are refreshed and ready to begin a new school year.

Just a reminder! During the summer you received an invitation to participate in our Family Gathering this Sunday, August 28th, beginning with a special Mass in the Church at 10:00AM. After Mass, please go to the Parish Hall for our Parent/Student Orientation.

During this time you will have an opportunity to:

- meet one another and your child's teacher
- learn about our exciting, new curriculum and review the accompanying textbooks
- discuss your hopes and dreams for this coming year,
- receive the revised Parent Handbook and register your child.

Finally, we will share a meal together in the schoolyard. **Please RSVP to the Evite today.**

The registration fees this year for elementary students will be \$70 for one child; \$90 for two children; and \$100 for three or more children. Please do not let cost-consideration prevent you from bringing your children to class.

If you prefer to have the registration forms and calendar mailed to your home, please call me at the Faith Formation Office, 969-4868. **You may also download the registration forms and the yearly calendar from our website: olmc-montecito.com.**

We will continue our *Scripture by Heart* program this year. Praying with Scripture is at the heart of our Christian education. The Word of God is an inspiration for conducting our daily lives regardless of our age. As with all Scripture by Heart verses, our main goal is to have your children praying these verses with you and on their own. We also hope that you will talk to your children about the meaning and importance of Scripture and how to relate God's Word in Scripture to everyday living. When Scripture is prayed, studied, and repeated daily we begin to know it in our hearts and minds.

Our enrollment has increased significantly these past few years; consequently, **we are in great need of substitute teachers and teachers who once a month help with Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00am Mass on Sundays.** What a great way for your child to experience you teaching the Word of God. I will be able to give volunteers significant support and training. Assistance is also needed for our *Scripture by Heart* program, which has been quite successful these past several years.

May each of you experience God's presence as we begin this new school year. May the Holy Spirit fill us with wisdom, understanding, and many marvelous gifts as we walk through this year together.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sister Kathleen Patrice".

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