



HOLY FAMILY CONGREGATION

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Dear Parishioners,

This year Holy Family Parish will be engaging the school, religious education program, various committees and workgroups across Holy Family to incorporate our parish-wide theme *"Come Join Our Family"*. *"Come Join Our Family"* in its simplicity is about welcoming all. Whether it be potential new parishioners joining us at mass on Sundays, new family and students joining our Parish School or members of our entire religious community who wish to be included in our *"Family"* activities.

Back in 2010, our Parish Council conducted a survey of parishioners and one of the many themes it revealed was the possibility of including religious education students in our Athletics program. Earlier in 2011 the Parish Council brought this concept forward to our Athletic Board and asked them conduct a more thorough review of possibly doing a combined school and religious education athletic program. Approximately 80% of parishes in the Archdiocese have a combined school and religious education athletic program. Fr. Dennis, the Parish Council and the Parish Trustees wish to extend our gratitude to the members of the Athletic Board for their significant due diligence and for converting our Athletic program from a school-based to parish-wide program, thus allowing our religious education students to *"Come join our Athletic activities within our Family"*.

The Athletic Board will endeavor to transition this change gradually, beginning with the upcoming 2011-12 basketball and spring sports seasons for 5th and 6th graders. Over the course of time the program will be expanded to include all 5th through 8th graders.

We are blessed here at Holy Family to have so many volunteers participating in all our committees. Their commitment of time and talent provides countless opportunities to our *"Family"*.

God bless you all,

Fr. Dennis Dirx
Pastor

Tom Gaeta
Parish Council Chair

Angela Little
School Principal