

**CHURCH OF ST. JAMES THE APOSTLE
OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
14 Gleneida Avenue
Carmel, New York 10512**

IMPORTANT

Dear Parents,

Our student population has grown significantly over the last few years. Reasonable class size is important in our commitment to provide the best possible instruction for the children of our parish.

Each year at this time I ask you to consider joining our program as a Religious Education faculty member – a teacher. Many of you might be inclined to stop reading at this point in the letter. Please don't!

In September we will need more Religious Education teachers. For the most part, vacancies occur due to attrition. Particularly this year, we need to fill extra class sections due to our ever-increasing enrollment.

When I ask folks if they would teach, the response is always the same: "FEAR AND UNCERTAINTY". Well, don't feel bad, I've been a professional educator and secondary administrator for 30 years and I still remember my first day on the job! I promise you that if you agree to teach you will not be thrown into a classroom without appropriate preparation. I further promise that you will have the support needed to successfully complete your first year and the years beyond.

The work of the Religious Education teacher is one of the most important ministries of our parish. These young children are our future and truly need your help in understanding Jesus' love and our Catholic faith.

Please take a risk and consider the possibility of teaching in September. If you have read this far and are interested, please fill out the tear-off at the bottom of this page, return it with your child's registration material and I'll call you to talk about the possibility of teaching. Thank you, and please remember, the options really are either spending an hour in your car waiting for class to be over, or helping these great kids learn about their faith.

Sincerely,



George A. Bovino, Ed.D.
Director of Religious Education

Name _____

Home Phone _____

Business Phone _____

- Grade level you would consider teaching (please circle) 2 3 4 5 6 7
- A. 8:30 – 9:25 am (Saturday) D. 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Monday) () Lake Site () St. James Site
- B. 9:55 – 10:50 am (Saturday) E. 7:30 – 8:30 pm (Wednesday)
- C. 11:15 am – 12:10 pm (Saturday)