

# Saint Catherine of Siena Church

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Dear St. Catherine's Family,

Greetings! We hope you and your children are enjoying a restful summer. Enclosed is registration for Religious Education for kindergarten through 8<sup>th</sup> grades and the R.E. calendars. Grades K-5 will meet on Wednesdays from 3:45-5:00 P.M. Grades 6-8 will meet on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:15 P.M. Please note: in grades where there is only one adult teacher-catechist, parents will be asked to be adult aids on a rotation basis. To enroll your child(ren), please complete all the information on both forms and return it with your registration check by August 1, 2011.

All students in our programs are required to complete a Safe Environment course. Children in kindergarten through grade 3 do the *Talking About Touching* program in class with their teachers. New K-3 parents and K-3 parents who have not previously attended are also asked to attend a safety ed session which will follow the parent meeting on Wednesday, September 21<sup>st</sup>. Students in grades 4 through 8 complete an online safety course by going to [www.ShieldTheVulnerable.org](http://www.ShieldTheVulnerable.org). There they click the *Students* button, then select *First Time Student Signup* [or *Already Signed Up-Student Login*], then in *Your Organization - Pick Type>> Catholic Dioceses*, then enter Names and information, Diocese: *San Francisco Archdiocese*, Location: *Parish*, Loc City: *Burlingame*, Loc Name: *Saint Catherine of Siena*, then *next*. A Login ID will be assigned. Write it down, then *confirm*. Then select to start the course assigned for your grade. Children will do the following grade courses:

4<sup>th</sup> - Safety Smarts for Kids,

6<sup>th</sup> - Be Safe, Stay Safe,

5<sup>th</sup> - Block the Bully,

7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> - Bullying, Not Cool.

Parents are encouraged to do the Adult review and discuss it with their child(ren). Children in grades 4-6, please return a copy of the Certificate of Completion with registration. We will discuss the training together in class in the Fall. If parents prefer to take responsibility for instructing your child(ren) on child safety yourselves, please return the signed Opt-out slip below. Please see the enclosed flyer for more information about the programs. Thanks.

You will also find internet links to the Religious Education Calendar for 2011-2012, the Registration Form and the Parental Permission/Health Form on our website [www.stcsiena.org](http://www.stcsiena.org) / Faith Formation/Religious Education - Grades K-8.

Our goal is to form young followers of Jesus Christ who love God, neighbor and self and to offer an age-appropriate and joy-filled place to learn about our faith. We hope our classes are full of joy-filled children eager to learn and that all of our daily lives are enhanced by participation in the program and parish life. All parents are required to attend the Parent Meeting on September 21<sup>st</sup> to learn some new procedures and to meet us, and your child(ren)'s catechist(s).

Peace and blessings,

Fr. John Ryan  
Pastor

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Opt-Out for Safe Environment Program: We take responsibility for instructing our child(ren) on child safety and choose to Opt-out of the online training.

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Parents' Signatures