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Dear Parishioners and Friends:

We hope and pray this letter finds you and your families well. GIFT, Growing in Faith Together, is our Saint Raphael Parish faith formation (religious education) program for people of all ages—families with children and teens as well as couples and single adults of all ages. This year's GIFT program theme is The Sacraments.

Jesus said, "Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you (Matthew 28:19-20)." As followers of Jesus, we are all called to teach and live our faith. Parents are the primary and most important teachers of their children. Through the GIFT program, we can all learn more so we can fulfill this important responsibility. Materials will also be provided to encourage learning at home.

Please see the enclosed registration form and information sheet for additional details. For planning purposes, please complete/return the GIFT registration form with the registration fee by September 17, 2023. Please contact Maria Tomasetti, <a href="mailto:atomasetti@snet.net">atomasetti@snet.net</a> or 203-988-8598 (cell phone – voice or text) with any questions re: the GIFT program or registration fee. Thank you for helping your children and teens to understand the importance of God in our lives and to see that learning and growing in faith is a lifelong journey.

Sincerely,

Maria Tomasetti Saint Raphael Parish Faith Formation Program Coordinator