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Dear Parents of Youth entering 6th, 7th and 8th Grade:

Rite-13 is a program of spiritual formation that seeks to provide a Christian framework for the experience of becoming an adult in today's world. Christian education and youth ministry activities go hand in hand in a program designed to raise critical issues for young people about self, spirituality, sexuality and society. Our goal is to create an environment in which reflection can occur with trusted Christian friends. The hallmark of the program is the important Rite-13 ceremony, *The Celebration of Manhood and Womanhood*, that marks the beginning of your child's journey to adult faith. Each student participates in this celebration in the fall they join Rite-13.

This group will continue to meet Sunday mornings from 9 to 9:50 AM, and your child is invited to participate. Cathy Corcoran and Vanessa McGrath, our class mentors, have returned. They will be helped by other volunteers late this fall, when Vanessa will go on maternity leave. They bring open hearts and enthusiasm to this great group. At least once a month there will also be an afternoon or evening program which will combine fun, service, group building activities, and diocesan involvement.

The group will meet Sunday mornings at 9:00 AM beginning Sept. 18. Essential dates on their fall calendar will include:

- Friday, Oct. 14: Movie Night for Rite-13 and Friends grade Five and up. (Permslip enclosed.).
- Friday evening, Oct. 21: Rite-13 Banquet for all Rite-13 class members, parents and older siblings. Further information will be forwarded to parents about the essential role they play at this banquet.
- Sunday, Oct. 23: The Rite-13 Ceremony for new class members, with older class members serving as their presenters.

Please set these dates aside for your family's participation. We look forward to seeing you, and hope you take advantage of this valuable program

The Rev. Deacon Lori Mills-Curran
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