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Dear St. Clement's Parents,

We would like to invite you to a meeting for parents of youth ages 11-13 (6th – 8th grades) to learn about the **Rite 13** program planned for this spring. Rite 13 is part of the multi-year Journey to Adulthood program for Episcopal youth from grades 6-12. The information meeting is scheduled for Sunday, January 17th, 11:30am -12:15pm in Parish Hall room 1, and we will briefly review the Rite 13 program curriculum and expectations, providing time for your questions. If you cannot attend this meeting, please speak with Rev. Liz.

Rite 13 involves commitment to a faith and spiritual journey in community with other young people and their families. The youth are asked to make some promises about participation, and we are asking parents to make promises as well:

- To pray for all our youth and their 'journey to adulthood', as well as all of those who will be helping them prepare;
- To support and encourage your youth in their attendance, completion of homework, and active engagement in the preparation program;
- To let the Rite 13 leaders or Rev. Michael know of any concerns or problems that arise for you or your youth (we won't know if you don't tell us); and,
- To volunteer to help with transportation and snacks on an occasional basis.

Please take note of three attachments:

- The first is a registration form to be completed and signed by the participant (not by the parents!) – the "registration and promises" form.
- The second is an Emergency Contact and Medical Release form, to be completed and signed by the parents/guardians. *We must have both forms completed and returned in order for your youth to participate in Rite 13.*
- Finally, the tentative program outline through May 23rd (when we will have our first Rite 13 celebration for those who have turned 13 by that time).

All forms are due on **January 24th** (the first day of the program).

More will be explained in detail during the parents' meeting on January 17th. Please feel free to discuss any aspects of the program, questions or concerns with Rev. Liz or me. We are both eager for this program to get under way at St. Clement's, and expect it to be a joyful opportunity for our youth!

Peace,


Liz Zivanov+


Michael Barham+

Attachments: Copy - Participant Registration and Promises
Consent to Participate, Emerg. Cont. & Med. Release
Rite 13 itinerary