Dear Parents,

RE: NEXT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION UNIT TO BE STUDIED IN YEAR FOUR

One of the many God given gifts to humans is the gift of learning. The unit begins with wondering at the human experience of learning. One of the learning gifts explored, in addition to curiosity, memory and thought, is imagination. This leads people to wonder at the God who created learning gifts and to celebrate what has been revealed about God: that God is the Revealer of Truths.

The unit then explores ways in which Jesus used his imagination to teach truths by telling parables. Jesus gave his truths to the Church. Members of the Church have handed on the teachings of Jesus to others.

Finally the unit explores how Jesus gave spiritual gifts to the Apostles to ensure his teachings were handed on correctly. Members of the Church are called by Jesus to believe his basic teachings and to share these teachings with others.

You could help your child during this unit by, for example:
• sharing how you use each of the learning gifts in your own life, in particular, the gift of imagination
• wondering with your child about God who created the learning gifts in each person
• sharing your favourite parables with them
• exploring the history of your local parish
• discussing ways your parish or diocese gathers to celebrate
• visiting the cathedral in your diocese
• sharing your memories of parish life when you were a child

Yours sincerely

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