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Dear Parents,

My name is Lisa Pilewski and I am thrilled to be your child's Faith Formation teacher this year. I have been teaching at Immaculate Conception for nine years. I greatly look forward to meeting you and partnering with you during the coming year.

This year I will be trying a new model for my faith formation classroom. If you had a child in our VBS program you will be familiar with the children going through a series of stations each day while they are learning a particular Bible point. In a similar fashion during Faith Formation class, your child will be exploring the week's Faith Focus point through a series of activities. I will not be using the traditional text book approach with the children. Instead, using the approved "Learned Outcomes" for first graders established by the Syracuse Diocese we will explore our faith through three stations: Large group Faith Focus when we will discuss the overall lesson for the week, a craft when we will creatively (and quickly!) explore our lesson further and a game which will use a combination of gym and table games to utilize your first grader's God given and natural born...enthusiasm!

I will be asking you all to make a commitment to pray for and work with me during the coming year. I know that you value the importance of a strong faith foundation for your family or you wouldn't have enrolled your child in the program and I want you to know I feel the same way. As a mother of four children; my youngest is Brendan who is 6 and in this class, Olivia 8, Dan 12 and Kelsey 14 I know how important it is to establish a strong bond between family and faith. This is why I will be asking that you be an active participant with your child this year. I will send home my lesson plans detailing what we will be studying so that you can help every step of the way. I will also have the plan on our AWESOME parish website: www.ic-parish.com. Follow the links for first grade and you will find important information and links related to our class.

My email address is Pilewfam@aol.com. This is the best way to contact me. It is also the best way for me to contact you if that is okay. If you could please just send me an email confirming your email address I would really appreciate it. If you would prefer that I call you let me know that as well. Never hesitate to get in touch with me if you have a question or concern (my phone number is 692-4252). It is my goal to share our Catholic faith with your children in a fun, safe and dynamic environment. I thank you in advance for sharing your little miracles with me this year!

Peace,

Lisa Pilewski