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Hello Parents,

I am just writing to remind you of an **AWESOME** opportunity for youth in grades 4-9 in our diocese. **CAMP ZACCHAEUS!!!**

Camp “Z” as we call it, is a Catholic overnight camp to help youth engage and grow in their faith.

The mission of Camp Zacchaeus is to provide a faith-filled adventure of the Christian life in an atmosphere of fun and friendship.

Our specific objectives to meet our goal are for each member of the camp community to develop:

- his or her own uniqueness
- a sense of personal identity and worth
- a deeper commitment to God and God's Church
- interpersonal relationships
- an effective use of leisure time
- a relationship to the natural world
- and his or her understanding of the Catholic faith

It is a week for them to “unplug” and enjoy the great outdoors with friends (old and new). A place where they will have a great time and learn more about their faith and the world that God has created for them!

Very generous donors have been sending money to the Angel Fund for Camp Z scholarships this year. We have money to offer what you might need to get your kid to camp! You really don't want them to miss this opportunity and we want to help make that happen! Just ask for an application **after** you register your child (and paying the fee of \$50) by contacting me at fswope@dioceseaj.org.

Brochures have been given to all schools to be distributed to families. If you still need a brochure, contact your Catholic School Principal or you can find them on the homepage of the diocesan website (www.dioceseaj.org)

If you would like more information or to discuss your child's participation, please feel free to contact me at (814)317-2646.

Peace and Blessings!

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