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Dear Middle School Parent,

It is time to register for the Summer Stretch experience for our young students currently in grades 6-8. This program is designed to offer a community service and social/recreational experience for a 6-week period beginning June 30<sup>th</sup> and running every Wednesday until August 4<sup>th</sup>.

The Summer Stretch program began over 10 years ago at a south suburban parish and has grown to include over 50 churches throughout the Twin Cities area. I feel that the opportunity to serve in the community as well as to share in this activity with over 2000 other youth is a true testimony to how our young people can serve as Catholic Christians and make a difference in a BIG way.

Most of your questions will be answered by reading the enclosed information material and the registration form for this year's Summer Stretch program at St. Bartholomew. Please send your forms in ASAP (extra forms and information can be found online at [www.st-barts.org](http://www.st-barts.org) under Education Formation). Spaces will fill quickly. If you have any further questions, please feel free to contact me via phone or email.

Due to the amazing impact that this will have, I know that I cannot do it alone. Because of this large program, I am asking that each parent work for 2 shifts. The shifts are:

1. Driving and staying at the service sites in the morning. These shifts run every Wednesday from 7:45am-12pm.
2. Chaperoning the afternoon social activities. These shifts run every Wednesday from 12:30pm-4:30pm.

These volunteer needs are listed on the enclosed permission form. **It is a requirement of this program that if you sign your son/daughter up that you will work a minimum of 2 shifts.** This does not have to be a huge time commitment, but two mornings or afternoons are needed.

If your son/daughter is already keeping busy this summer, I extend my prayers and blessings for safety and Christ's presence in their time away from church related activities, and I invite you to keep Summer Stretch in mind for next year.

In Christ,

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