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Dear Parents/Guardians,

It's that time again... Registration for 2020-2021 Religious Education is now open.

As you all know, this year is presenting more than a few challenges in all kinds of things, and our Religious Education program is no exception. Over the last few months, we have been researching various programs that meet the requirements of the Archdiocese as well staying within the guidelines set by the State of Massachusetts and feel that we have come up with a program that will benefit the children in continuing to grow their faith, as well maintaining the safety of all.

Along with class format change comes a program change as well. Back in March, Chris Hatton was introduced as Youth and Evangelization Director for the Fr. Leo Lynch Youth Ministry Program. Along with this program, he will be running Religious Education for Grades 6 – 10. You will be hearing from him soon regarding registration for Grades 6 – 10.

I will be running the Religious Education Program for students in Grades 1 – 5 and look forward to a great year! We will be implementing the Christ In Us program. Christ In Us is an online/blended catechetical program (online and in person - when/if allowed). Lessons will include prayer, reading, and discussion with your child or children. At the end of each section, there will be a "What You Know" and mini tasks to be completed.

We intend to continue our monthly Family Masses, which can be viewed via live stream on Facebook, on YouTube and on our website. Toward the second half of the year, I plan to attempt a few Zoom meetings so the kids can stay connected and will revisit the possibility of meeting once or twice in person (small groups - **if allowed**). Planned activities we typically have, such as our Christmas Pageant, Annual Pancake Dinner Poster Contest, First Holy Communion, and our Grade 2 Retreat, to name a few, are in the discussion phase – watch for more to come.

Another change this year is that we now have online registration with the option to pay via credit card in the Online Giving section on the website!! To register your child/children for our 2020-2021 Religious Ed program, please [click here](#).

In the past, all changes and updates were posted on our Religious Ed calendar. We intend to continue doing that, but we will be utilizing the website itself more. We will be posting schedules, links, activities, etc. under the Religious Ed tab, Grades 1-5.

Although the roles will be different, we can't have a successful program without the help of volunteers. I'll need to enlist the help of a few volunteers per grade to assist in the occasional Zoom meeting, class meetings, and First Holy Communion activities (when/if allowed). I appreciate any assistance you are able to give.

Thank you, and God bless.

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