

# MESSAGE FROM THE LAP TOP

## LIVE JESUS IN OUR HEARTS FOREVER!

### *Sunday Greetings Family of HNOJ:*

Many of the articles that filled the newspaper this week dealt with the projections as to how will the reopening of schools happen? Every one of the central school districts have had to come up with a few game plans as to how they will handle the return to school and what variables they can foresee happening as to keep the students healthy and safe. Our situation here at HNOJ, in conjunction with our Religious Education program, is no different. We have just been emailed the guidelines as to how all Religious Education programs are to handle reopening and the plethora of protocols that would need to be followed in order to have a safe, in person learning environment. Sr. Nancy has called together her committee for religious education and gone through the guidelines from the Archdiocese. Given their input, along with the restraints that our parish facilities present, the parents of record from last year's class enrollments should be receiving the program guidelines for HNOJ shortly. One thing is certain; this year's program will be far different than it has ever been. One thing I would ask, with respect to our Religious Education program this year, would be patience and adherence to the recommendations that come from Sr. Nancy's office so as to keep all our young students safe and healthy through the course of the year. The prayers of the parish family would also be greatly appreciated with the start of our Religious Education year not too far off.

With our thoughts focused on religious education and prayers, I would like to direct some **prayers** of the parish family be offered these next two weeks for our **First Communion students** who will be gathering the next two Saturday mornings to receive our Lord Jesus in the Eucharist. Likewise, I would request some added **prayers** be offered for our **"back nine" confirmandi** who will be receiving the sacrament of Confirmation on the 25<sup>th</sup> of this month. All of these young men and women have been extremely patient and diligent in making ready for these days to happen. May God bless them for all that they have had to put up with this year.

Quick word to our High School graduates who are gearing up to head off to college at this time. I don't know what plans are in the works for your colleges of choice; but be assured of our prayers for your safety and strong adjustment to what you will encounter at your school of choice. The same goes out to our returning college students as you enter back into whatever way your colleges have determined to move forward with this new school year.

**Quick word in support of this year's Annual Cardinal's Appeal. We just reached our \$23,000.00 goal. 73 families have pledged \$23,215.00. I seem to recall that we had close to 90 families involved in last year's Appeal. Your pledge to this year's Appeal will now benefit HNOJ with rebate potential. Thank you to the 73; add your family to the number this week.**

That is all for now. **GO FORTH AND ANNOUNCE THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD. MANY BLESSINGS FOR THE WEEK!!!!**

*Fr. Mike*