

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This email is directed to those young people (7th and 8th grades only) who came for the one week in the summer. In light of your questions and concerns, **please read carefully** the following:

1. **We are eliminating the Google Classroom requirement for those students who attended the summer program; we will be deleting the Classrooms.**
 - a. However we ask that you use the Gmail address you created to send Advent reflections to the catechist – see **Advent Assignment** below under **Supplementary Class Hours** .
2. We mentioned the following several times prior to the Summer Session and we will try to state it again in clearer terms.
 - a. **The diocesan requirement for religious education is 30+ hours, which includes:**
 - i. 30 Class Hours of Curriculum.
 1. Those who attended Summer completed 15 Class Hours, hence, they have an additional 15 Supplementary Class Hours to be completed.
 - ii. 15 Service Hours (separate from Class Hours): 7th and 8th graders preparing for Confirmation are required to complete **15 hours of service when they are in 7th grade and 15 hours of service when they are in 8th grade.**

Supplementary Class Hours:

- 4 Supplementary Class Hours prior to Christmas as follows:
 - 2 supplemental class sessions will be hosted live by Fr. Colavito and Melanie Blaszczyk to begin Monday, November 2nd
 - Fr. and Melanie will send out via an email message (from their respective email addresses) an invitation to participate prior to the session date:
 - Melanie Blaszczyk – Monday, November 2nd
 - Father Colavito – Monday, November 16th
 - Attendance will be taken at both sessions.
 - **Advent Assignment:**
 - Advent is the season before Christmas, which begins on November 29th, we are asking that your child **choose two Sundays out of four** to read the Gospel for that Sunday and write a reflection on that Gospel. This reflection and any assignment calling for a summary or reflection to be written must be:
 - **ABSOLUTELY** type your full first and last name at the top of the paper
 - one FULL page
 - Ariel 12 point font
 - double spaced
 - Upon completion, email the paper to the Catechist indicated below based on your current grade and **ABSOLUTELY** type your full first and last name in the Subject Line of the email message
 - **7th grade:** Catechist: Bridget Christy: bc2020summer@gmail.com
 - **8th grade:**
 - Student last names beginning with letters A through L:
 - Catechist: Joanne Dickson: jd2020summer@gmail.com
 - Student last names beginning with letters M through Z:
 - Catechist: Kara Weipz: kw2020summer@gmail.com
 - If you have any questions at any time, please contact the Catechist assigned to your grade.
 - ***Our schedule is only through December at which time we will evaluate the program.***

Service Hours:

For those of you inquiring about how to obtain "Service Hours" we are encouraging you to follow the Bold Middle calendar run by our Youth Minister, Melanie Blaszcak. Information can be found on Parish websites:

- SIJ <https://stisaacioques.org/youth>
- SJN <https://sjnmtl.org/youth-group>

Participation in BOLD Youth Ministry events will qualify for meeting the 15 Service Hours requirement.