

Saint Bridget Catholic Church

Office of Youth Formation

Safe Return to Youth Formation Plan

As the most important role of Youth Formation (YF) is to help form missionary disciples and to journey with the youth as they learn the teachings of the Catholic faith and develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, we want to make every effort to do so in a safe manner considering the current situation with COVID – 19.

Below is the plan to ensure the safety of our youth, catechists, teachers, helpers, and mentors.

1) Lesson Information – Communication with Parents

- A) Parents have been given the option to enroll their children in “In Person” or “At Home” classes. This option has been communicated through the church bulletin, email, phone calls, and text messages.
- B) Parents have been informed that the Youth Formation Program (YF) will follow the guidelines of the Terrebonne Parish Government, State of Louisiana, and Diocese of Houma Thibodaux.
- C) Parents of students in grades 10 and 11 (Confirmation preparation) who have opted for “At Home” classes have been informed of the possibility of an in-person retreat prior to reception of the Sacrament. This has been communicated through email at the time of registration.
- D) Parents selecting the “At Home” option will be sent an email outlining procedures and expectations.
- E) Parents selecting the “In Person” option will be sent an email outlining procedures and expectations.
- F) Parents of “In Person” classes will be asked to verify student data so that the most up to date telephone number and email address are available for communication.

2) Monitoring the health of the youth and volunteers:

- A) Parents will be responsible to monitor their child's health before sending them to class.
- B) Catechists, Teachers, Helpers, and Mentors will be responsible for monitoring their own health before reporting to volunteer.

- C) Mentors, teachers, helpers, and parents are to review the list of symptoms below. Any volunteer and/or student possessing any of these symptoms is to refrain from attending class.
- Fever
 - Chills
 - Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
 - New Cough
 - New loss of taste or smell
 - Muscle pain
 - Headache
 - Sore Throat
 - Rash
- D) Volunteers needing to miss class due to any of these symptoms must contact the CYF by text or phone call immediately. If possible, the lesson plan must be emailed to the CYF.
- E) Youth that must miss class will be responsible for making up the lesson. If necessary, the youth may have to be placed in the "At Home" class until it is deemed safe for him/her to return to class.

3) Providing a safe/healthy environment

- A) The Community Life Annex and Didier Hall will be cleaned and disinfected prior to youth arriving for class.
- B) The Community Life Annex and Didier Hall will be disinfected between class sessions.
- C) Physical distancing and the proper wearing of face masks will be observed.
- D) All guidelines established by the Terrebonne Parish government, State of Louisiana, and Diocese of Houma Thibodaux will be followed.
- E) Should a youth or volunteer show symptoms during class, he/she will be moved to a specified area away from others. Contact with the parent will be made immediately. In the case of an adult showing symptoms, he/she will be allowed to leave the campus immediately. Youth that drive to campus will be allowed to leave once the parent has deemed it permissible.
- F) Upon arrival youth will be immediately directed to their seating area.

*Note this document will be updated as needed pending the status of the pandemic and guidelines from diocesan, local, and state leaders.