## Hello Religious Education Families!

Wow has life changed! Although classes will look different this year, we are going to do everything we can to provide all of our families with the best possible religious education program.

The Diocese of Superior strongly encouraged the use of the Sophia Institute's "Family of Faith" program. Also, the DOS is encouraging us to start religious education later this fall, knowing the changes that would come to our youth during this school year, we did not want to overwhelm our families anymore. We are finally ready to begin, and we cannot wait to start something new!

The curriculum we have chosen for grades 1-8 is called the Family of Faith, we will be doing Volume IV: Christian Prayer. We chose to start with Christian Prayer because last year we were trying to promote family prayer with all of our classes. Each week we asked our Catechists to intentionally pray with our students before class began and prior to heading home. We also agreed that during this time it would be extremely beneficial for all of our families to learn to PRAY together:)

The Sophia Institute Family of Faith curriculum is a simple and easy family based curriculum to follow that encourages and incorporates teaching and modeling our faith to and with our children. Our intention is not only to catechize our children but our families as a whole! As you all know by now, parents are the primary educators in our children's faith! We are all extremely excited about this opportunity!! Each child in grades 1-8 will be provided with a student workbook, and parents with a parent guide.

We are asking that our families in grades 1-8 meet once a month on ZOOM. We will be holding these meetings on Sunday's @ 7PM. Even if you are on the go, and able to login and listen, we would like you to join us!! We will also be checking in weekly with our families to touch base—so you will be personally hearing from us often! Our first ZOOM religious education family study will be 10/25.

Grade 9-11 will meet in person on the traditional Wednesday evenings, 6:30-8PM. CDC/COVID recommendations will be followed. Grades 9 & 10 curriculum is Theology of the Body and 11th grade is our Confirmation class. No meals will be served.

Email and our personal phones will be our primary source communication for Religious Education. So please add our email and phone number to your phone and feel free to text us!

Registration will be all done online this year as well—in this email you will find a link to fill out a form, please complete one form/child. You will also find a link to upload the newly updated Image Release form. Please print the Image Release form and upload the completed form in the link provided. If you do not have access to a printer—when our books arrive we will schedule a day for all of our families to pick up their materials.

If you have not turned in the Image Release form by then we will have them available. There is also a link provided to have the option to pay online!! Any space on the form with an "\*" must be completed to move on.

We have missed you all greatly and cannot wait to reconnect and meet again in the Eucharist!!!

To Jesus through Mary,

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