

Dear Religious Education Families,

We miss seeing all of you. Be assured of our prayers during these days of continued of uncertainty. We look forward to assisting and supporting our Religious Education families for the upcoming 2020-21 year.

After much thought and prayer, our approach for the upcoming year includes:

- A delayed “start” to our program in terms of gathering in weekly (bi-weekly for the Confirmation Program) groups on St. Joseph campus.
- We will put in place at-home family learning supported by catechist periodic “check-ins” for the first semester of 2020.
- We will prepare individually for each grade level bearing in mind the scope and sequence of our curriculum along with what is feasible for parents to accomplish with at home Religious Education.
- We will provide all materials you will need with additional opportunities related to service and worship at home. We are actually excited about the possibilities ahead!
- We hope to offer “limited number” opportunities to gather on campus during the first semester. These will look different for each grade level. It’s an idea still being discussed to ensure we remain in compliance with diocesan policy and Parish and School safety measures.

We believe this approach can benefit parents as the “first teachers of the faith” and it will also relieve some burden and worry as students acclimate back to their academic learning for the Fall semester.

What do we need from you?

- **Your Registration. By: JULY 27 deadline, PLEASE!**
- **See this link for online registration: <https://www.stjosephdg.org/re>**
- **If you don’t have access to the website to register, please call the Parish Center at 630.964.0216 for assistance.**

On our end, we will continue the usual process of forming classes, recruiting and preparing new catechists, welcoming back our seasoned catechists, and ordering the appropriate number of textbooks and other materials for the upcoming year. Working together, we are united in teaching our children about the Catholic Faith and how to live as young Christians within our families, schools and community.

And there is one thing that we know is for certain and does not change ~ God’s abiding love for each of us. *“As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love.” John 15:9*

To Jesus through Mary,

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