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ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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SIGNAGE AND TRAVEL WITHIN THE BUILDING

Signage will include:

- Hand washing instructions in the bathrooms.
- Proper water filling instructions at water filling stations

Visual social distancing markers include:

- Crosses hung from the ceiling at 6-foot intervals.
- Pictures of saints on the walls at 6-foot intervals.
- Signs with arrows to show directionality in the hallways.

CATECHISTS AND STAFF

SJY will expect that catechists and staff undergo weekly health SELF-checks, such as temperature and symptom screening, prior to leaving the home to arrive at a parish building.

Catechists and staff will monitor their temperatures and identifiable symptoms each week and self-report the results to the DRE by email by 8 AM.

Any catechist with a temperature of 100.4 or greater or identified symptoms shall not report.

PARENT/GUARDIAN AND STUDENTS

SJY will expect that students undergo weekly health SELF-checks, such as temperature and symptom screening, prior to leaving the home to arrive at a parish building.

Parents or guardians of each student will take the student's temperature and assess identifiable symptoms in the morning.

Parents or guardians will check in through email by 9 AM. Any student with a fever of 100.4 degrees F or greater or a coronavirus symptom shall not report to school.

Students / parents will be encouraged to keep sick children home.

CLASSROOMS

Physical Distancing and Other Safety Protocols

COVID-19 spreads mainly among people who are in close contact (within about 6 feet) for a prolonged period (more than 15 minutes without a face covering). Because spread happens when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks, and droplets from their mouth or nose are launched into the air and land onto surfaces and people who may be nearby, possibly even be inhaled into the lungs, social/physical distancing helps to limit opportunities for individuals to come in contact with the virus.



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Social distancing, also called “physical distancing,” means keeping space between people to the degree possible in any given setting. Where feasible, SJY will use all measures listed in the following chart to practice and provide for social or physical distancing so that students, staff, and community members remain at least 6 feet (2 arms’ length) from other people. Limiting this face-to-face contact with others is one of the best ways to avoid exposure to the virus and slow the spread locally of coronavirus disease. Since people can spread the virus even before they know they are sick, it is important to maintain physical distancing even if/when there may be no symptoms.

Self-contained cohort:

- Classrooms will be set up with desks facing the instructional area as designated by the teacher.
- Desks will be spaced between three and six feet apart.
- Each student desk will be equipped with a transparent desk shield.

FACE MASKS/ SHIELDS

The type of face covering may vary, i.e. it may be a mask or face shield; however, it must cover the nose and mouth openings. A face covering should remain in place while in an area where others are present. When isolated in a particular area with no others present, the face covering may be removed. Masks will be expected for times when students must move throughout the building - bathroom trips, arrival, dismissal.

The students will always be seated at a minimum of three feet apart, the WHO standard, if a six-foot distance is not feasible. When students are not able to be seated six feet apart, face coverings will be required, per the PA DOH order of July 1, for all students age two and older.

Staff members and catechists will wear face shields or masks.

HYGIENE PRACTICES

Hygiene practices for students and staff, including the manner and frequency of hand-washing and other best practices Instructions on handwashing and covering coughs and sneezes will be provided and reinforced, including:

- Washing hands often with soap and water, including after going to the restroom
- Using alcohol-based hand sanitizers
- Avoiding touching of eyes, nose and mouth
- Self-cleaning (and disinfecting, when possible) of surfaces used (i.e. desks, and doorknobs) while at school, and self-cleaning (and disinfecting, when possible) of personal objects (i.e. cell phones, keys, wallets, purses)



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CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT, CLEANING, AND VENTILATION

All non-instructional items will be removed from the classrooms to maximize social distancing spaces.

Classroom will ventilate rooms with open windows when feasible to increase fresh air.

Our air conditioning system provides 330 cfm (cubic feet per minute) of outside air, which would allow for 33 people to occupy each room based on recommended ventilation rates.

For small group work in the classroom -- defined as a maximum of four individuals, including the teacher, facing one another and engaged in teaching and learning activities -- the group may face one another and collaborate for a limited period of time, if: a) they all wear face masks AND b) they are at least six feet apart.

The following steps, while not an exhaustive list of practices, are provided as a general framework for the cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilation practices and measures that will be taken:

- Normal routine cleaning with soap and water will decrease how much of the virus is on surfaces and objects, which reduces the risk of exposure.
- Disinfection using EPA-approved disinfectants against COVID-19 can help reduce the risk of the spread of the virus. Frequent disinfection of surfaces and objects touched by multiple people is particularly important.
- Cleaning, sanitizing, disinfecting, and ventilating learning spaces, surfaces, and any other areas used by students.
- Learning classrooms, alternate spaces, frequently touched surfaces and objects within the school will be cleaned and disinfected at least daily, including door handles, sink handles, and drinking fountains and filling stations.
- The use of communal drinking fountains will be prohibited and/or limited and safe alternatives will be provided for by allowing students to bring personal water bottles and providing bottled water, when possible.

COMMUNICATION AND QUARANTINE

SJY will utilize the diocesan provided communication template to inform staff and parents of a diagnosed or presumed positive coronavirus infection.

If one student in a class is diagnosed with coronavirus or has a presumptive positive test, that student and his/her family will quarantine for a period of time determined by the parish in consultation with the board of health. If more students become ill, the parish will consult with the board of health and the diocese to make determinations on when to have the whole cohort, or possibly the whole school, quarantine.



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Each classroom will maintain a daily record of individuals who enter a classroom or other gathering space. This list will be provided to health and diocesan officials to assist in contacting the school community.

HOMESCHOOLING AND FAMILY CATECHESIS

SJY will be providing a homeschooling curriculum, an online education option to “brick and mortar”, for students and families who are not comfortable to return to in-person learning.

Each catechist will provide information to their respective students attending SJY homeschool program, as needed.

MASS ATTENDANCE

The Mass is the source and Summit of our Faith. At this time Bishop Gainer has dispensed the obligation to attend Mass. However, families are still encouraged to participate either virtually (9 AM Mass is live-streamed) or in person at the Saturday 5 PM Vigil Mass, or the 7 AM, 9 AM, 11:30 AM Masses.

SJY will follow all current Diocesan guidance regarding norms for attendance at Mass during the coronavirus pandemic by the Diocesan Office of Divine Worship to celebrate Holy Mass weekly.

Entrance in the church and seating areas will observe parish guidelines during attendance at Mass.

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3. When EPA-approved disinfectants are not available, alternative disinfectants will be used.

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Ventilation systems will be checked at least daily to ensure they are operating properly and circulation of outdoor air will be increased by opening windows and doors when possible.

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