



*Catholic Community of New Bedford North*

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Dear Parishioners,

We are praying that you are well and keeping safe.

With the beginning of school shortly, we want to inform you of the plans for the Faith Formation Program this year. This year's program is not our normal program because of the pandemic. Our 2020-2021 program is based on our concerns to abide by the regulations of the Diocese, State and City. We are also carefully attending to the safety of participants, social distancing and sanitizing.

We are grateful to Joanne Mercier for planning the program to fit into this "not-normal" year. We thank the coordinators of the varying age groups and our dedicated volunteer catechists. If you are able to assist in any way in our program this year, you are most welcome.

The Rite of Baptism notes that the parents are: "the first and best of teachers of the Faith". What we do can only supplement what you do at home and your own example of Faith. You are the domestic church and this year your example and assistance will be needed more than ever. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and understanding.

Joanne will inform you in her letter of the details of Faith Formation this year and feel free to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Assuring you of our prayers for your well-being and safety, we remain

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Msgr. John J. Oliveira

Rev. John A. Raposo

Co-Pastors