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RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

# COVID PLAN 2020-2021

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*Dear Parents,*

*I thank you for taking the time to read this COVID policy for Religious Education, and understanding all the measures we have taken to provide you and your child with a safe, happy, and exciting Religious Education school year. While Nate and Melissa have addressed everything related to classes, I wanted to take a moment to address Mass during Religious Education this year.*

*Mass, celebrating the Eucharist, is one of the most important Sacraments we can participate in as Catholics, and with all that is going on in the world, it can be tricky to find a way to make it work during Religious Education. Here are my recommendations: If you have class at 8:30AM I kindly suggest you attend either the 7:30AM or stream the 11AM Mass. If you have a 10AM Class, I kindly suggest that you attend or stream either the 9AM Mass or the 11AM Mass. If you choose to stream Mass, there is also the opportunity for you to receive Communion at 12:30 by the front of the Church. This way you can be sure you are able to participate in Mass and Religious Education fully, as well as feed both your mind and your soul with our Catholic Faith each and every Sunday.*

*This is one of the greatest blessings our Faith can offer and I am happy to be able to offer it to you. Thank you for your cooperation, and blessings on your year!*

*May God continue to bless us as we move forward in faith.*

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Fr Dan".

*Father Dan Powell, Pastor*

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## Sessions Offered

### Grades K-5

- Sunday 8:30 am (No Kindergarten offered)
- Sunday 10:00 am

### EDGE (Grades 6-8)

- Sunday 12:00- 1:30 pm
- Sunday 6:00-7:30 pm

### Homeschool Options

- Google Classroom (Grades 1-5)
- Zoom Sunday at 6:00 pm (Grades 6-8)

# Classroom Formats

## Opening Day

Grades 1-5 will begin on September 13.

Classes will begin in a virtual format utilizing Google Classroom. The first 4 weeks families will work through the Kerygma. Parents will receive a video lesson from Nate that will give them the tools necessary to disseminate the information to their students.

Edge (Grades 6-8) will begin on October 4.

This year in order to ensure proper social distancing Edge will be offered at two times (12 noon and 6 pm)

For those families who are not comfortable with their student attending in person we will offer a Zoom session that will run in tandem with the 6 pm in person Edge session. Students will be provided with a secure Zoom link and will be broken up into small groups utilizing the breakout session feature. These students will watch a live feed of the teaching provided to the in-person session and will discuss in their virtual small groups. These students will also have adapted activities best suited for this format.

## Beginning October 18

Grades 1-5

In person classes will begin on October 18/19. Classes will be held in the new Education Center.

Those families with students who are not comfortable attending in person classes will continue utilizing Google Classroom for their child's Religious Education. Melissa will upload lessons for grades 1-5. Lessons will appear at 8 am on Sunday morning and you will have the week to complete the work. The schedule will follow the in-person class schedule.

## Absences

In the event that a student (in all grades) is absent they can log onto the Google Classroom with the codes listed below and complete the assignment for that week.

First Grade	glyjrtj
Second Grade	sswqv3o
Third Grade	cequkgc
Fourth Grade	ertux2c
Fifth Grade	kn4xyyy
Edge	4j4akqq

In the event that a catechist is not able to be in the classroom on a particular weekend the students from that class will complete the assignment in the Google Classroom for that week. Students will not meet in person that week and students will not meet in-person that week. If the absence is due to illness we will inform parents as soon as possible by our Phone Call System.

# Sanitization Plan

## Masks

Each student is required to wear a mask for the duration of their scheduled class time. Catechists are to wear a face shield for the duration of each class. In the event that a student forgets his or her mask we will have extra on hand. If anyone refuses to wear a mask they will not be able to participate in person that day. Each student is responsible for supplying their own mask. We will have backups available in the event that one breaks or one is forgotten.

## Cleaning classrooms

All desks are spaced apart and facing the front of the room.

Classrooms will be cleaned and sanitized after each session by the catechist or Religious Education Staff. Doors will be propped open for ventilation and to eliminate the need to touch extra surfaces.

## Supplies for children Grades K-5

In order to limit the number of shared items, this year we are asking each family to supply a tool box for each of their children in grades 1-5. A tool kit will include a 5x8 pencil box, small box of crayons, markers and 2 pencils. Please put your child's name on their box. These will remain in the classrooms for the duration of the year.

# Grades K-5 Procedures

## Drop Off

Please drop off your child at the front entrance of the Education Center (See Picture). You and/or your child will be asked if the Pre-Screen form has been completed and will have temperature checked. If you did not complete the Pre-Screen for a QR code will be available for you to scan and complete the form.



## Entry and Exit

Students and Catechists are to enter through the main doors of the Education center. Hand Sanitizer will be available for each person as they enter their classroom.

Parents are able to escort their younger children to their classroom and must exit through the rear door.

Traffic flow in the hallway will be one way.

At the end of class students will exit through the back door of the building and will be picked up in the rear parking lot. The 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade catechists will aid with drop off.



## Parent Pick Up

Pick up will be in the back parking lot. If picking up by car please enter through the first entrance of the church and pull up to the walkway in the rear of the Education Center. (See picture) You may also walk up to pick your child up.



# Edge (Gr. 6-8) Procedures

## Drop Off and Pick Up

Please drop off your child at the front entrance of the Education Center (See Picture). You and/or your child will be asked if the Pre-Screen form has been completed and will have temperature checked. If you did not complete the Pre-Screen for a QR code will be available for you to scan and complete the form.



Pick up will be in the same location as drop off. Please ensure to be on time at the end of your child's Edge session.

## Screening

Each student and catechist is to complete a Pre-Screening form prior to their scheduled class time. If the form is not completed the student may not attend class that week. You will be asked to confirm that the form has been completed prior to entering the building.

If the student or catechist has any symptoms or has been to any of the states on the quarantine list within 2 weeks of class they may not attend.

To make up material that the student would miss for that day they can log into the Google Classroom and complete the assignments for the day.

Each student and catechist will have their temperature checked upon entering the building. If they have a temperature they will not be able to attend that day.

If there is a confirmed case of COVID-19 we will report to the PA Department of Health and follow their guidance.

## Shut Down Plan

In the event we are moved back to the red phase all students will move to a homeschool model. Each grade has a Google Classroom already set up. All students will follow along with the lessons until we move back into the yellow/green phase or the end of the year. Lessons will appear at 8 am on Sunday morning and you will have the week to complete the work. A time will be set up for families to pick up the materials their child will need to complete their lessons.

Edge will move to Zoom at 12 noon and 6 pm. Those already scheduled in those session will remain there.

Class codes are:

First Grade	glyjrtj
Second Grade	sswqv3o
Third Grade	cequkgc
Fourth Grade	ertux2c
Fifth Grade	kn4xyyy

## Covid-19 Acknowledgement / Notice for Parish Religious Education/CCD and Parish Youth Ministry programs

By signing or electronically accepting this COVID-19 Acknowledgement, the undersigned parent or guardian of a student enrolled in a Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YM) in the Diocese of Harrisburg, understands, acknowledges, and agrees as follows:

We live in the age of the COVID-19 global pandemic, and there are health risks associated with my child attending a Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YM). I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19, the fact that it can be difficult to identify in another person, and the inherent risks of exposure to those who may be infected with COVID-19. I voluntarily assume the risk that I/my child/my household members may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 as a result of or in connection with my child(ren)'s attendance at the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) and that such exposure or infection may result in illness and/or even death of my child(ren) and such other persons.

I have read the Health and Safety Plan located on my child(ren)'s parish website and understand the health and safety protocols of the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) and I agree to adhere to the health and safety protocols. I will partner with the parish and comply with the Health and Safety Plan. As further detailed in the Health and Safety Plan:

- (i) I will update my child(ren)'s emergency contact information prior to or at the start of the Parish Religious Education (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry (YMP) year and I will update it promptly whenever there is a change;
- (ii) I will seek to limit my child(ren)'s exposure to COVID-19 outside of the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) in order to protect our entire Parish Religious Education and/or Youth Ministry community;
- (iii) I will evaluate my child(ren) before each Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) session and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program session for fever and COVID-19 symptoms, as defined by the CDC, and I must check in through the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program's established system before each session;
- (iv) If my child has a fever of 100.4 degrees F or higher, or COVID-19 symptoms as defined by the CDC, s/he may not attend the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) session or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) session;

- (v) I will inform the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) or Parish Youth Ministry Program immediately if I, my child, or anyone with whom my child has had close contact receives a positive diagnosis, or presumed positive diagnosis, for COVID-19;
- (vi) I give my permission for the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) staff to evaluate my child(ren) for fever and COVID-19, at their discretion, and will be informed by the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) when such an evaluation is done;
- (vii) If contacted, I will pick up my child promptly from the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) if the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) deems it necessary for health and safety reasons.

I understand and acknowledge that ill students are required to adhere to all guidelines of the Health and Safety Plan, and that willful violations of the Health and Safety Plan will result in disciplinary action up to and including expulsion from the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP), at the Pastor's/Parish Administrator's discretion.

I understand and acknowledge that the Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) will use its best efforts to guard my child(ren)'s privacy. I also understand and acknowledge that, as part of contact tracing, the name of my child(ren) and pertinent contact information will be provided, if necessary, to the Pennsylvania Board of Health and related authorities in the name of community health and safety.

I understand and acknowledge that my child(ren)'s Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) may offer a distance/online learning option as part of the educational program.

I understand and acknowledge that distance/online instruction is part of the current educational landscape and, as such, classes/sessions may be recorded and that, on occasion, my child's image could be seen or voice could be heard briefly as part of the class/session. Those who will have permission to access the recording are permitted to do so strictly for educational purposes.

I understand and acknowledge that I am not allowed to video or take photographs of distance/online instruction at my Parish Religious Education Program (PREP/CCD) and/or Parish Youth Ministry Program (YMP) unless it is for purely educational purposes, and I understand and acknowledge that that video or image may not be shared on social media or for any purposes other than educational purposes for my child(ren).