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TO: Parents planning their child's baptism
FROM: Deacon John Robbins
RE: Baptism Guidelines and Practices During the COVID-19 Pandemic
DATE: July 2, 2020

The Church of the Resurrection is overjoyed that you are planning on baptizing your child in order to have them become adopted sons and daughters of God, being made new by water and the Holy Spirit. We recognize that there is much uncertainty in the present time and we wish to accompany you as you prepare to have your child baptized in a safe environment.

The following guidelines will be in place **until further notice in order to provide safety to all, especially your children:**

A. BAPTISMAL PREPARATION CLASS:

1. Couples are required to attend a baptismal preparation class before having their child baptized.
2. Classes will be offered in an online Zoom format once a month, beginning on July 14, 2020 with an in-person option available as well.
3. The class schedule can be found here: <https://res-dbq.org/baptismal-preparation-class/>
4. Couples may come to the parish office to attend the class in person, with or without their child, or simply log on to the online Zoom meeting. Anyone coming to the parish office is required to wear a mask except children two years of age and younger. Those who attend will be socially distanced.
5. Contact Deacon John Robbins to register for an upcoming class and specify whether you will attend in person or need the Zoom link.

B. DATE AND TIME OF BAPTISMS:

1. Baptisms will take place on Sundays at 1:00 PM or by appointment.
2. There will no longer be multiple families celebrating baptism at once. Each family will have a designated date and time for their child to receive the sacrament.
3. Parents may call Mary Jo at the parish office to schedule a baptism date **AFTER** they have attended a baptismal preparation class either in person or online.
 - a. *If couples/families are comfortable attending Mass that weekend, they need to indicate which Mass they plan to attend so that the parish may recognize them and their child at the end of Mass.*

C. SAFETY MEASURES:

1. Everyone (including the minister) is to wear a mask except children two years of age and younger.
2. The minister will need to be next to the child at certain times to anoint the child with Holy Oil, pour water over the child's head and fully celebrate the sacrament. The minister will disinfect his hands before the sacrament.
3. The minister will not directly touch the child during the pouring of Holy Water or the anointing with Holy Oil. His hand will be a few inches away as he pours the water and he will anoint with oil by using a cotton ball.
4. There is not a limit to the number of people that can attend. Members of different households will be expected to socially distance and remain six feet apart while inside the church.

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