

## Religious Education News October 2020

Thank you to all the parents who registered their children for Faith Formation during these uncertain times. We are well under way with in person classes as well as the new Home Study program.

Thank you most of all to the catechists who have volunteered to be in the classroom to continue to educate your children about the Catholic faith and to prepare them for Sacraments.

The Home Study/Family Formation program was very well received and a larger number of families enrolled than was anticipated. We ran out of materials!

If you weren't able to get your child registered for classes this year, please check the website in June 2021 for updated information on registration for Fall 2021.

Many school districts have begun resuming in person classes on a limited basis. The Diocese has asked that we alert all parents that the State requirement for "comprehensive sexual health education and HIV prevention education" will resume at some point. The school districts are required to notify parents of this curriculum. You may have already received this information from the school district – very likely buried within other "information."

Parents and guardians have the legal right to examine curriculum materials and to ask that their child be excused from any content that conflicts with the moral and religious beliefs of the parents or which is not age appropriate. You can find more information on this subject by going to the Diocese website: [www.scd.org/loveandliberty](http://www.scd.org/loveandliberty). There will be workshops in English & Spanish in October and November that parents may wish to attend. A comprehensive "need to know" guide has been prepared by the California Catholic Conference (CCC) which details what the law states regarding sexual education as well as the rights and responsibilities for parents and guardians; it is available on the website. The CCC can also answer your questions and/or assist you if you need more information or require assistance in notifying the school district of your choice to have your child excused from the curriculum.

You can also contact the Religious Education office at [stjoelindre@gmail.com](mailto:stjoelindre@gmail.com) if you'd like to receive a link to the website, have questions or need more information.