

# **Plans for Religious Education Pre-K through 12<sup>th</sup> grade**

The Faith Formation Staff within the office met with Fr. James regarding the religious education for the 2020-2021 school year at St. Jerome and have devised the following plan in consideration of health and safety as well as the passing on of the faith.

## **Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grades:**

Students will participate in distant learning at home. Monthly packets of lessons and crafts will be available for pick up at Brooks Hall. Students will be assigned to classes with a teacher who will call the parents monthly by phone to check in, answer questions, see what the needs are and pray with you.

In addition, the DRE or a designated catechist will check in with classes through occasional remote video interaction by grade level.

## **RCIA adapted for children (3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Students and parents meet once a month for 8 months, on Sundays 1:30-3:30pm in Brooks Hall. These students are those who did not receive reconciliation and Holy Eucharist with their peers in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, through no fault of their own due to a unique family situation.

## **EDGE (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

EDGE will continue meeting weekly on Sunday afternoons via zoom. A teen's immediate preparation for confirmation will take place during and in addition to their second consecutive year of religious education – provided their second consecutive year takes place in their 9-12<sup>th</sup> grade years. Therefore, it is important for 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents/youth to remember that weekly participation in EDGE Zoom this year is necessary for a youth to receive Confirmation in their 9<sup>th</sup> grade. 8<sup>th</sup> grade students who actively participate in EDGE this year will be eligible to register for Confirmation prep classes the following year.

## **Life Teen (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Life Teen will meet in person on Sunday evenings. Youth Ministry New Procedures Video is posted on the St. Jerome webpage under Youth Ministry – please watch this video if you have not already done so. Teens who are registering for Confirmation 2020-2021, will need to actively participate in Life Nights. For teens/families with medical concerns, please contact Whitney.

## **Confirmation**

The 12 weeks/Classes of Confirmation Preparation will take place virtually via zoom (day of the week to be determined). These 12 classes are in addition to the active participation within Life Nights. Parents please remember that these 12 weeks can take place over a span of 4 months due to breaks and/or holidays.

Confirmation registration for 2020-2021 opens August 3<sup>rd</sup> and closes Oct 1<sup>st</sup> – please contact Whitney to make your registration appointment. Visit the Parish Website for more information

## **Life Teen Deeper (9-12<sup>th</sup> grades)**

Life Teen Deeper will meet in person on Wednesdays evenings. Youth Ministry New Procedures Video is posted on the STJ webpage under Youth Ministry – please watch this video if you have not already done so.

## **EDGE Deeper (6-8<sup>th</sup> grades)**

We are still working to develop this program. We have had some parents come forward to help with this program. Please contact Whitney if you are a parent and your youth is interested in this program.

## **Parents**

Whitney and Christine will be contacting you regarding the program your child is registered for. If you have not yet done so, please register as soon as possible. We are here to serve you but need your help to implement these plans before they begin.

## **Catechist, CORE Team, Teachers, and Volunteers**

Please remember we have a meeting scheduled for August 13 at 6pm in the Gym of Mother Teresa Center where we will discuss the logistics and prepare for the upcoming school year.