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Dear Parents and Families,

We are excited to begin yet another year of religious education! Month after month, year after year, it truly is incredible to witness how our children grow closer to Christ thanks to everyone's dedication and enthusiasm.

This time around will be a little different as we strive to make 2020-2021 stronger by using an online program for all grades. To help each parent and family make the most out of our religious education program we will be using the Faith & Life Online program. Once the office receives your family's registration, we will set up a program for your child(ren), you then will be notified by the online company Mycatholicfaithdelivered.org. Once the class is created, you as the parent will have to grant consent to use the online program. Your child(ren) will be monitored as they progress throughout the year and our office will notify you of your child's progress.

If your child is at the Sacramental years of 1st and 2nd and 7th and 8th grades the children and/or parents may be required to meet in person throughout this school year, once we are granted permission by the Diocese of Kalamazoo, local health departments, state, and local governments. Additional paperwork will be required. All paperwork will be emailed to the parents with deadlines notated. Supplemental materials will be also available to the students in addition to their online courses. Our 7th and 8th-grade students may meet using Zoom or Doodle applications.

"True progress quietly and persistently moves along without notice." (*St. Francis de Sales*)
God works powerfully and mysteriously. Often, we don't realize the changes He's making in our lives while they're happening. But when we look back, we see how He has led us. Let's begin this year entrusting everything to Him so that we can look back amazed at His wonderful work in the lives of those we love!

If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to reach out at any time by contacting the religious education office at religiusedoffice@att.net or 269-983-1575.

Take care and God bless,

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