

Cathedral of Our Lady of Walsingham
CCD Sunday School
Plans for a Safe Start

“Catechesis is an ecclesial act, arising from the missionary mandate of the Lord (cf. Mt 28:19-20) and aimed, as its very name indicates, at making the proclamation of his passion, death, and resurrection continually resound in the heart of every person, so that his life may be transformed.” (Directory of Catechesis, 55) Catechesis, then, is more than ancillary education, it is initiation, illumination, and formation in the life of faith. As such, it is an essential task of the Church and of parochial life.

With this in mind, the current plan remains to return to the classrooms on Sept 13 for CCD Sunday School, with the following social distancing procedures in place.

- ***Social Distancing*** – Class sizes will be limited to the number of students which will allow for appropriate distance. Should our numbers warrant it, we will split classes to accommodate social distancing.
- ***Face Coverings*** – When unable to maintain 6ft social distance, face coverings will be required of everyone 10 years of age and older. This includes in the hallways during transition periods, during any group work, or other situations within the classroom when it will be difficult to maintain 6ft distance. Once seated in the classrooms, if 6ft distance between all parties is established, it is up to the discretion of the catechist whether face coverings can be removed.
- ***Logistics*** – We will stagger class starts in order to keep the halls clear – Catechesis of the Good Shepherd and First Communion from 9:30 – 10:30, with Confirmation and Post-Confirmation classes from 9:45-10:45
- ***Sanitizing*** – All tables and chairs will be wiped down; CGS will sanitize their stations between uses; hand sanitizer will be available. Everyone should wash their hands.

Nota Bene:

Catechesis of the Good Shepherd will continue to be offered at all three levels (Level I = 3-5yo; Level II = 6-8yo; Level III = 9-11yo). **PLEASE NOTE:** CGS by its very nature cannot ensure social distancing, especially in Level I with the youngest children. The catechists will be limiting the amount of movement in the Atrium, and sanitizing the space and the materials as much as possible. Level II and certainly Level III are more reliably distanced, but even here there will be group work involved. ***If you are not comfortable with your child(ren) being involved in CGS at this time, we plan to have a “desk-and-chair” option available as an alternative. Please email Mr. Tim Caruthers if you wish to enroll in this non-CGS option.***

As always, as the primary catechists of the domestic church, you are more than welcome to catechize your children at home. If you choose this option, we ask that you register your child for CCD on the parish website, and choose the home-based catechesis option when prompted. This

will allow us to keep record of your ongoing catechesis in the parish database, and to provide you with the syllabus, and other support throughout the year.

In addition to regular classroom time, each course will have a Google Classroom set up online. These Google Classroom pages will be a means of communication from your catechists, and will have Powerpoint lessons, online articles/games, Q&As from the catechists, etc. These will facilitate ongoing catechesis throughout the week at home toward more fruitful Sunday conversations, as well as being vital points of communication for those opting for home-based catechesis, or who are temporarily convalescing at home.