

September 1, 2020

Dear Parents,

In order to comply with all the Covid rules and regulations, Religious Education at San Ysidro for 2020-21 school year will have a totally new format. Our pastor, Father McGowan, and I feel certain that this new program of instruction will not only enhance and deepen your child's knowledge of the faith, but do so in a manner that meets all the safety and health requirements mandated by the state of New Mexico.

While the final agenda is still in a state of flux, the weekly routine will assume the following: Beginning the first Sunday in October, parents will be given a student study sheet to be examined and poured over with their child/children containing the scripture readings for the coming Sunday's Mass. After reading, discussion and reflection, the student will answer a few questions to measure their understanding of the message and personal application. Please call Ken for information on sheets pick schedules.

When the study sheet has been completed by the student (ideally weekly) the parent will bring the assignment to the church, a drop-off basket in the vestibule is foreseen, and then pick up the new study sheet for the coming week. The parents will also have the double option of picking up the week's assignment at the office or every Wednesday at my office in the R/E building.

The study materials themselves will come from the Catholic publishing house, Pflaum Publishing Group, offering a complete set of books, videos and activities for every grade level including those materials relevant to the sacraments. I strongly encourage parents to preview some of the resources we will be using here but also for personal in-home catechesis as well.

REGISTRATION for the 2020-2021 school year will commence this Sunday and continue throughout the month of September. You may PICK UP REGISTRATION FORMS: Outside of church at end of one of the three Masses or at the office. Take form home and you may drop it off in office or in the office mail slot. If a new student don't forget to include a copy of Baptism for each child. The registration fees remain the same: \$30 for one child, \$50 for two, and \$70 for three or more.

Please feel free to call Ken Cantwell at 505-620-3675 for more information and updates.

Sincerely in Christ,

Ken Cantwell, DRE