

Religious Education Remote Learning Plan 2020-2021

August 2020

Dear Families,

As we approach the beginning of September, I would like to share with you the plans for this unique time in our lives. As we have all been forced to look at our normal routines in new and creative ways in response to this terrible pandemic, we at Christ the King Parish have done similar adjusting. In March, we quickly transitioned to an on-line platform to meet with our sacramental prep classes of First Communion and Confirmation. Using zoom and other resources I am happy to say that we were able to finish out the year and celebrated both sacraments during the month of July, adhering to best practices for safety protocols . While this was not something that we had anticipated as we began the year, through the successful cooperation of students, parents and parish staff and volunteers, we were able to achieve this goal even given the many challenges!

As we approach the new academic year ahead, we continue to find creative and flexible ways to continue to provide a comprehensive and supportive program to support the families of our parish in their commitment to raise children in the faith! Journeying through these difficult months has certainly reminded us of how very important the role of our faith is in our lives and that of our children.

Our Faith Formation team is committed to continue to support you in this very important goal. We know that the road ahead for families remains uncertain as schools try to navigate these uncharted waters and balance safety with the desire to meet the needs of all involved. We too, have looked at the best way to navigate these waters given our limitations to adhere to CDC guidelines and recommendations. It is with this in mind that I have spent the summer collaborating with other diocesan parish faith formation leaders to determine how best to serve our families given the current challenges.

In the weeks ahead, we will invite you to register your children for Faith Formation through our website. We will offer a combination of structured on-line instruction through Ignatius Press for students in grades 1-8 which will be enhanced using interactive group sessions through an online platform such as zoom. Our Confirmation program will also be primarily remote with a greater emphasis on interactive live zoom type sessions. Knowing that we would need to move in this direction this year, I spent some time this summer participating in training for such a program. We have several catechists who would like to continue with us in this delivery method.

If access to internet or lack of computer resources pose a problem for any family, we are happy to work with you to find a methodology or technology that will be meet the needs of your family. While remote learning is not the preferred method to grow as a family of faith, it has

certainly developed into a more interactive experience allowing us to deliver both content and connection in a way that helps us to grow in faith, while providing for the safety and health of all.

I hope to have everything in place by the middle of September with an anticipated start date in early October. In addition to registration instructions, accessible on our parish website, I will send out a mailing to alert you to the registration process. As we all face this life-altering circumstance, I pray for your families! May The Lord hold you in the palm of His hands! Together we can grow, learn and celebrate the joy and beauty around us through the eyes of faith. Please pray for us too as we strive to provide you with structure and support. Please pray for our priests, who also face many challenges in this new reality. God willing, we come through the other side of this journey quickly and with renewed fervor to grow in closeness to our loving God.

We would like all of our parish families to know that we are here to support you in teaching your child the Catholic Faith during this unprecedented time. Each of you remain in our continued prayers. Below is our remote learning plan for the start of our upcoming school year. At this time, and until further notice, all faith formation will be remote.

We are using the Ignatius Press, My Catholic Faith Delivered Faith and Life series for all students (with their parent's assistance) offering students, grades 1-8, a thorough grounding in Catholic doctrine. In light of salvation history, students will learn about Sacraments, morality, social teaching, and the Church's life and mission. Interactive learning includes videos, games, discussion questions, reflections, links to more information, online assessments, reports, and more. These materials are available in an online format. The themes for each grade are as follows:

[Grade 1 - Our Heavenly Father](#)

[Grade 2 - Jesus Our Life](#)

[Grade 3 - Our Life with Jesus](#)

[Grade 4 - Jesus Our Guide](#)

[Grade 5 - Credo: I Believe](#)

[Grade 6 - Following Christ](#)

[Grade 7 - The Life of Grace](#)

[Grade 8 - Our Life in the Church](#)