

DEAR PARENTS AND CATECHISTS:

This is the plan for Faith Formation, approved by Father Forbes and developed in consultation with conversations with the Diocese of Raleigh, discussion with several parents and a phone call with the CDC. In spite of the current Covid-19 disease, we are still called to live our Faith and the need to lead our children to a knowledge and love of God. We have developed the following plan:

BEGIN AN IN- CLASSROOM PROGRAM on September 13th

MAKE AVAILABLE AN ON-LINE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM -Details to follow

GO TO ON-LINE ONLY- If the infection rate in Moore County is 10% or if there is an outbreak among catechists or students in our classroom program. If we go to on-line only, we will offer the opportunity, especially for students preparing for the Sacraments of First Eucharist, Penance and Confirmation to make an appointment for both parent and student to have periodic individual reviews with Director of Faith Formation. This would serve to ensure the Parish that the child is progressing towards the Sacraments and provide support for the parents who are engaged in preparation at home. It will be the responsibility of the parent to schedule this time.

In addition, for grades 6, 7, and 8 we offer the EDGE Program which will provide a small group setting with faith sharing to supplement classroom and at home learning.

I will appreciate knowing if you are going to a home schooling option.

ON SITE/CLASSROOM LEARNING REQUIREMENTS: All catechists, assistants and children from kindergarten through 8th grade are required to wear masks while in the education building. Pre-kindergarten children are exempt from mask requirement. The children will be required to use hand-sanitizer on entry and exit from the classroom, each time the student goes to the restroom or uses Kleenex. The tables, light switches and doors will be washed with chlorine- based product prior to each class. If you don't want your children to use the supplied crayons, pencils etc. please ask the children to bring their own for use in the class. Tissues will be provided. Water fountains are shut off so if a child needs a frequent drink, they may want to bring a water bottle. Social distancing is not possible given the size class and room size.

Questions, concerns should be directed to me, not to the catechists.

Thank you, parents. We will get through this. I want to help you in any way I can.

Carolyn Gale

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