

## **Weekly Letter from our DRE**

August 20, 2020

### **OLPH Religious Education Update** ***Christ Makes All Things New!***

Out of an abundance of caution for everyone and according to Archdiocesan Guidelines during the pandemic, all Religious Education Sessions will take place remotely this Fall. We will optimistically plan for in-person sessions later in the school year if possible. (See Three Remote Interactive Learning Models described below.)

We will begin RE the last week of September, Mon. Sept 28 at 4:30. More information will be provided in the next weeks regarding schedules, class assignments, materials pick-up, parent informational meetings, and catechist trainings. Thank you for your patience.

### ***Electronically Encountering Christ during Pandemic***

Our current reality calls for flexible and creative ways to help our children learn and grow in relationship with God, to effectively communicate with one another, and to build up relationships within our OLPH parish community. Therefore, Religious Education Registration is extended until September 1 with no late fee at this time. After September 1, 2020, a \$75 late fee applies. If you have already registered online, thank you!

Registration remains open at the following link: [Religious Education Registration 2020 21](#)

Tuition and Sacramental Fee Payment link

here: <https://www.givecentral.org/location/552/event/18769>

### ***Three Remote Interactive Learning Models***

We will stick with the same curriculum for Grades 1-8: *Loyola Press Finding God* for Grades 1-6, and *Ascension Press – Chosen* for Grades 7 and 8. Registered kindergarten and preschoolers will be provided with hard copy and digital materials to utilize at home with parents.

Family Catechesis (f/k/a Gather and Grow) will be provided through *Loyola Press Finding God* as well because their *Family Catechesis* is excellent, 100% digital, and integrates with the Classroom and Parent/Child Models. All catechists and students will be provided with hard copy books and e-books for each Model.

**Catechist Led-Student Classroom Model** – Classes are led by the Catechist for the students connected via a Zoom virtual meeting place. Classes will be held on the days of the week and times set forth on the registration form: Mondays at 4:30pm; Tuesdays at 4:30pm and 6:30pm; Wednesdays at 4:30pm; and Saturdays at 9:00am.

No Sunday morning sessions will be offered for this Model. Therefore, if you need Sunday sessions, please consider the Family Catechesis Model for twice-monthly Sunday sessions, typically following 9:30 Mass.

**Parent/Children at Home Model** – Classes are led by parents to teach their own children at home according to the same weekly lessons as the Catechist Led-Student Classroom Model. Each student will be completing the same lesson each week whether student is learning via Zoom with Catechist or remote learning at home with parents. Parents will be provided with catechist online training and materials.

**Family Catechesis Model** – Classes are led by Catechists for families connected via a Zoom virtual meeting place this Fall and plan for in-person sessions as soon as practical. Families meet for twice-monthly Sunday sessions at 10:45am, typically to follow 9:30am Mass.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns via phone or email below.

Let us continue to pray for an end to the pandemic and its effects. Our Lady of Perpetual Help, pray for us!

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