

Weekly Letter from our DRE

September 22, 2020

"Keep Calm – Jesus Christ is the same today, yesterday and forever!"
(Hebrews 13:8). He is in charge and leading the way.

Dear OLPH RE Family,

Please know of my gratitude for your kindness to me and prayers for Billy and my family during this time of loss. Billy was a cherished member of our family and the Misericordia family. He enjoyed telling stories to make others laugh; and he laughed even harder as a result. He was the first on the dance floor and the last to leave. He fondly called my mother his "super stepmother." We will celebrate his life on Monday at St. Margaret Mary Church in Rogers Park. Please keep Billy and my family in your prayers.

Here is the weekly update for the OLPH RE Family:

- **New start date for OLPH RE:** Sunday, Oct. 4, at 10:45 via Zoom and Monday 4:30 session will follow etc. All learning is remote learning for OLPH RE this Fall.

- **Reopening Team for OLPH RE:** We need to establish an OLPH RE reopening team to bring the students and catechists on site later this year – God willing. Please contact me if you are willing to be a part of the OLPH RE reopening team.

- **We still need more new Catechists with a heart for Jesus' mission!** With the additional program times offered for remote learning models, we need more catechists for our children in grades 1-4 during our 4:30 sessions on Mon., Tues. or Wed. Please contact me at mwaldron@olphglenview.org

- **Catechist Zoom Trainings** have begun and will continue as needed. We are all in this remote learning together and we will succeed. This is new to all of us and we need to help each other out. None of us is as smart as all of us together!

- **RE Hard Copy Materials pick up next week:** New RE Materials have arrived and will be distributed the week of Sept. 28. On Tuesday, I will contact families about pick up times. All children will also receive e-books in grades PK thru 6 and online materials for grades 7 and 8.

- **Eighth Graders:** Please start looking for your Chosen book from last year as you will need it again this year.

- **Needy Family Gift Cards needed.** Please consider donating gift cards for needy families and deliver when you pick up your RE materials.

- **Zoom RE Parent Information Meetings:** Beginning next week I will offer several RE Parent Information Meetings to explain the OLPH RE Program under my DRE leadership and remote learning environment. All good stuff! Meeting times will be offered morning, afternoon, and evening over several days. Stay tuned for exact times.

- **RE Program Family and Catechist Handbook** will be released at the start of OLPH RE. Handbook sets guidelines and expectations for everyone in RE.

I will be back in the office on Tuesday 9/29 and reach out to all of you then.

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