

Weekly Letter from our DRE

September 8, 2020

Registration Still Open – OLPH Religious Education 2020-2021 (no late fees)

Dear OLPH RE Families,

The start of the school year is a hectic time for families, especially as we continue to navigate a global pandemic through social distancing.

As you settle into your virtual routines this fall, I want to make sure you're aware of changes to the 2020-2021 RE program based on guidance provided by the Archdiocese of Chicago on 8/1. The spiritual growth and safety of our children remains top priority.

What You Should Know:

Registration is Still Open– Classes begin the week of 9/27. Families can still [register online](#) through the rest of September. Late fees will be waived for 2020-2021.

Fall Learning is Remote – Families will have the option of three learning models:

1. **Catechist-led Virtual Classroom (40 mins)** - Catechists will facilitate e-learning programs via Zoom virtual sessions. Class time will be reduced to 40 minutes during the fall to drive higher engagement from students, knowing many are also attending regular school online. Available time slots include:
 - o Monday at 4:30pm
 - o Tuesday at 4:30pm
 - o Tuesday at 6:30pm
 - o Wednesdays at 4:30pm
 - o Saturdays at 9:00am
2. **Parent/Child at Home Model** – Parents will teach their children at home according to the same weekly lessons as the Catechist led student model. Parents will be guided through the RE program instruction and receive online catechist training and materials.
3. **Family Catechesis Model** – Similar to the in-person family model, families will meet monthly with Catechists via zoom and work through material as a family each month. In-person sessions will resume as soon as reasonably possible. Family time slots are as follows:

- Friday at 6:30pm
- Sunday 10:45am (following 9:30am family mass)

Tuition Rates and Virtual Payment- The same tuition rates apply to all models of RE remote learning as outlined below. Tuition and sacramental preparation fees can be made through [OLPH's Give Central site](#)

- One child, \$325
- Two children, \$425
- Three or more children, \$525
- Family Catechesis is a per child rate as described above
- Sacramental fee for second and eighth grade, \$75
- Non-parishioner registration fee is an additional \$100. New parishioner registration link or update family contact info here: <https://www.olphglenview.org/register-or-update-registration>

Scholarships and Tuition Assistance are Available – Ability to pay should never keep you from enrolling your family in religious education. Please contact the RE Office to discuss scholarships, monthly payment plans or other financial challenges.

Class Assignments and Materials – For families that have already registered, thank you! I will be sending an update soon with additional information regarding class assignments and materials.

Please contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Once RE kicks off, I look forward to sharing additional resources with families to support the spiritual growth of our broader RE community.

Let us continue to pray for an end to this pandemic and for all OLPH families throughout the year ahead.

Peace!

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