

OUR LADY OF THE EUCHARIST PARISH COMMUNITY

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

As you are all well aware our Religious Education came to a very abrupt end in March of 2020. With the grace of God, the dedication of Father Walsh, Miss McHale, our catechists and most importantly our parents we were able to celebrate First Holy Communion and Confirmation during the yellow phase in June 2020. And now the challenge is to setup our program for 2020-2021.

We will be starting with a Family Mass on Sunday, September 27, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Families will be asked to sit together following the guidelines for social distancing in the Church. We will be distributing textbooks and other necessary materials, along with a tentative calendar. All will be in flux as we respond to PA Department of Health protocols and CDC regulations. Our plan is to go online with the program through December 2020. The Religious Education program we use does have an online component. Going online will certainly call for a collaboration of students, parents, teachers, and administrators. Please note that Father Shantillo, our new Sacramental Minister, is also committed to being a vital part of our Religious Education program. We will look at setting up a schedule of class Masses on the weekends, where the children and their families will have the opportunity to come together for prayer and the opportunity to interact with their teacher, Miss McHale and Father Shantillo.

We ask a textbook/supply fee of \$25.00 for the first child, \$15.00 for the second child, \$10.00 for the third child with no more than \$50.00 per family. You can include the fee with the forms or place it in the collection basket on Sunday, September 27, 2020. The fees cover some of the costs of textbooks and supplies. **Although these fees are normally required, money should never be a hindrance for the religious education of your child. If the fee proves to be a burden to your family, please contact either one of us to discuss the matter.**

If your child was not baptized in our parish community (Blessed Sacrament, St. Mary's Assumption or St. Mary, Help of Christians), please include a copy of his/her baptismal certificate.

If your child is seeking admission into the Sacramental Preparation Program for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, you should note the following guidelines. The usual grade level for these sacraments is grade two. To be admitted to this program, a child must have already completed one year of religious formation, either in a Religious Education Program, or in Religion class in a Catholic school.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Sister Mary Ann Cody, IHM
Parish Life Coordinator

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