Dear Parents,

Guidelines for our children's return to both Religious Education Classes and Catholic Schools were recently issued by the Office of Catechetical Formation (OCF) and the Office of Catholic Education (OCE) in our Archdiocese. These guidelines, which follow CDC recommendations, state that at the conclusion of the school day each classroom and the entire school building must be thoroughly disinfected, and no one may enter the classrooms until the next morning. Since our Pastor, Father Matthew Windle and I are committed to following all official guidelines for the health and well-being of all our parish children, families, catechists and teachers, an alternate plan for Religious Education classes has been carefully developed.

Adhering to all Archdiocesan Sanitation and Social Distancing Guidelines, we will be using Fr. Curran Hall and the Choir Room for PREP classes. A detailed list of Covid precautions which we all need to follow is attached, as well as a new Registration Form. Since we can only accommodate a small number of children in each class, students will be placed in a class as soon as your PREP REGISTRATION FORM and fee is received. You will be contacted if your choice of day/time is already filled and it is necessary to change it.

KINDERGARTEN: Sunday 10:50 to 12:05 PM

LEVEL 1: Tuesday, 4:30 to 6:00 PM **or** Thursday 4:30 to 6:00 PM

*LEVEL 2: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday, 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday, 6:45 to 8:05 PM

*SPECIAL SACRAMENT CLASS: Tuesday 4:30 to 6:00 PM

LEVEL 3: Wednesday 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday 6:45 to 8:05 PM

LEVEL 4: Wednesday or Thursday 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday 6:45 to 8:00 PM

LEVEL 5: Tuesday or Thursday 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday 6:45 to 8:00 PM

LEVEL 6: Wednesday 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday 6:45 to 8:00 PM

**LEVELS 7/8: Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday 4:30 to 6:00 PM or Thursday 6:45 to 8:00 PM

HOMESCHOOLING is an option for all levels, including Level 2 & Levels 7 & 8. A <u>Home Learning Guide</u>, Textbook and other online resources will be provided. A Parent Meeting to distribute textbooks/materials, explain the resources and answer questions will be held in early September.

N.B.: If your child is entering Levels K, 1, 3, 4, 5 or 6 you have FLEXIBILITY in completing the chapters, assessments and two meetings with the child/parent and myself. Provided this is completed by August 1, 2021, your son/daughter will be promoted to the next level. If you choose to Homeschool your son/daughter during a SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION year (Levels 2, 7/8), more specific deadlines for completion of work and meetings must be adhered to for the proper reception of the Sacrament.

Parents who choose to **HOMESCHOOL**, as well as those who choose **PREP CLASS** must hand in a **PREP REGISTRATION FORM**, along with the yearly fee of \$175.00 per child, by **July 31**, **2020**.

Enjoy these Summer days and may the Lord Jesus bless and protect you and your family! Blessings!

Sr. Kathleen Fitzpatrick, IHM