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Greetings Faith Formation Families,

It's time for us to prepare for the 2020-2021 Faith Formation year. We will be opening **registration** on **Saturday, August 1 until Saturday, August 15**. There will not be an early bird or late registration this year. Cost for each child will be \$100 with a cap at \$300/family. You will be able to find registration on the Realm site www.onrealm.org.

We will begin our **in-person** sessions on **Wednesday, September 16** for CGS-9 grades. CGS and Jr. High (7-9) will meet from 6-7:30 pm and grades 1-6 will meet from 6:15-7:30 pm. Locations will be Church Basement for CGS, St. Patrick School for 1-6, and Dutcher Gym for Jr. High. Note: CGS will have a Tuesday session that will begin September 15.

All children will be required to wear a mask during our time together and practice social distancing. Further instructions will be emailed by your child's corresponding Faith Formation Coordinator on entering the building, classroom, etc. We encourage parents to attend our **1-9 Parent Meeting** on **Wednesday, September 9 at 6:30 pm** in **Dutcher Gym**. CGS will offer atrium tours that night for parent and children together by appointment.

While we have other plans in mind, we will address those on an as needed basis. You will notice on the Realm registration that Homeschool is an option. If you feel that you would like to keep your child home for this Faith Formation year, but would like to make sure they do not lose a year of catechetical instruction, you may still register your child for the Homeschool option. You will receive materials (i.e. leader guide, student book, video access, etc. pertaining to your child's grade) to lead the sessions at home.

If you choose to forgo faith formation for the year, keep in mind that if your child will be entering a sacramental year in fall 2021, they need a year of Catholic instruction beforehand. We understand the uncertainty and fear that this pandemic has created, but rest assured that we have your child's safety and spiritual interest in mind. However, we understand that the most important role in your child's faith formation begins at home with the domestic church.

Any parent that would like to assist as a catechist will have tuition waived. Please contact your corresponding Coordinator to be provided a code when registering. Our **catechist meeting** is scheduled for Wednesday, September 2 at 5:30 pm.

If you need a scholarship, feel free reach out to me prior to registration for a code. Contact information listed above.

Sacramental Preparation registration for 1st Communion is included during Faith Formation registration. Confirmation registration for 9th grade youth will take place in January 2021.

Thank you and have a blessed rest of your summer!

Sincerely,

Rosie Guerrero
Director of Children & Youth Faith Formation

Love God. Be Jesus.