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Dear Catechists,

This past week we would normally be celebrating the close of the PSR year. This week we would have been celebrating together for Appreciation for the finish of another Catechetical Year. Instead, we are wondering what is going to happen as the county opens up a bit, and as we plan for Masses to resume May 18. (albeit with social distancing)

Unfortunately, it looks like we are in this uncertain state for the long run. Challenges abound. Caution remains necessary. As of now, I will continue to send out weekly letters for the families with links to family friendly Sunday Readings. If you have any requests to send out emails, please let me know.

I SO appreciate all that you are doing to keep contact with the children. Continuing phone calls, or other communication is wonderful! I have received some completed activities from a few families. We will not have report cards for this semester, but I will enter information and notations of the pandemic on their permanent records.

As of now, there are no plans for First Communion or Confirmation. It is our (Fr. Brian and Parish Staff) opinion that we should wait until we see what happens through the end of May rather than plan a date and then maybe have to post pone it. Please know that as soon as we set a date, we will let everyone know. My vision is that we will do some reviews...maybe small groups or classes before the actual Celebrations.

On another note, I am still planning for the 2020-2021 PSR Year. The New Registration is on the website and I have a few families registered. But all plans are subject to change right up to the last minute and long after the normal spring and summer enrollment season. Depending on the circumstances, there may even be a blend of some remote learning and small class size coming together in a way that not everyone is there all at once — sort of a staggered opening.

However, I am now asking for Catechists to volunteer and commit at this time for that upcoming Catechetical year. I know that with all this uncertainty that may be difficult, but it would be very helpful to me and to Fr. Brian to have an idea of what we are facing. Please prayerfully consider teaching again next year and let me know your decision as soon as possible.

Attached is the tentative 2020-2021 PSR Calendar and the Catechist Commitment Form. I am looking forward to talking to you and to hopefully, see you soon! Please feel free to call me any time: 314-610-9813.

Blessings,

Peggy Webb