

June 6th, 2018

St. Francis of Assisi Religious Education 2018-2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome to St. Francis of Assisi's Religious Education program for the 2018-2019 academic year! There are some important changes taking place starting this fall, so please keep this letter as a reference throughout the year.

We acknowledge that you may have already heard about the Diocese of Manchester's Restored Order initiative, which has lowered the age at which children receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. **Please review the following bullet points carefully. By Fall of 2019, ALL students Grades 3 and up will have received the Sacrament of Confirmation. Therefore, if your child/children will be in Grade 3 or higher starting Fall 2018, this is their opportunity to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation at our Parish.**

- All Religious Education classes for Grades K-6 will be taking place on Sundays from 10:45AM-12:00PM.
- Kindergarten and 1st Grade will be learning prayers and basic concepts about our Catholic Faith.
- Grade 2 will be preparing to receive Reconciliation in Spring 2019.
- Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 will be preparing for their Confirmation, with Grade 3 being Confirmed in Spring 2019, and Grades 4-6 in Fall 2019 (ceremony dates TBD).
- All Religious Education classes for Grades 7-10 will be taking place on Mondays from 6:00PM-7:30PM.
- Grades 7, 8, and 9 will be together in one classroom, preparing to receive Confirmation in Spring 2019 (ceremony dates TBD).
- Grade 10 will spend the 2018-2019 academic year finishing the Chosen Confirmation program that they started during the previous year. They will receive Confirmation in Spring 2019 (ceremony dates TBD).

Please refer to the calendar that you received with this letter. Note that we have increased the number of classes. We will offer 14 classes for each age group throughout the academic year.

Our first Family Enrichment Event, which will include all grades (including Confirmation students), will kick off on Sunday, October 21st with the 11:00AM Mass, followed by a potluck and a family-focused enrichment lesson with Father Jeff. This first event will be on the topic of All Saints & All Souls. The dates for subsequent Family Enrichment Events TBA.

We look forward to seeing you this fall. Should you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Should you have further questions, please don't hesitate to contact either Vicki Isabelle at (603) 424-3456 x209, or Gabi Gilliland at (603) 424-3456 x215.

God Bless,

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