

## JESUS IS the WAY, the TRUTH and the LIFE

Dear Parents/Guardians,

🍌 I realize that you are waiting for detail regarding the beginning of Religious Education/Formation for our Children.

🍌 I apologize for the lateness in sending this information. I was away for six weeks during the summer and I returned a bit late because of my family's schedule. But I guarantee that we are organizing and **we will be ready to go on September, 26, 2021.**

🍌 Our classes will start on September 26, at 9:30 AM and end at 10:45 AM. Classes are held between the Masses 8:30 AM and 11:00 AM so that families may attend MASS either before or after the classes.

🌻 Next week we will email to you the list of the Catechists, their grades and room numbers.

🍌 Right now we wish to communicate to you the COVID19 PROTOCOL - We are starting our classes in person and follow the Cherry Hill Public School routine. Should it be required for us to move to Virtual classes, we will be ready for those as well.

🍌 All our Catechists are fully Vaccinated but will wear masks during classes.

🍌 All Children are asked to wear a face mask and sanitize their hand as they enter and leave the rooms.

🍌 We will try as much as possible to maintain a certain distance for the children.

🍌 **All children will enter the building using the gate (not the gathering space) and walk directly to their assigned room crossing the courtyard. In case of inclement weather the children will walk through the parish hall.**

🍌 **The parish hall, however, will be used as a classroom at times and we need to keep it safe. There will be adults ready to direct the way on the first day.**

🍌 YOUR HELP IS NEEDED TO HAVE A CONVERSATION WITH THE CHILDREN TO MAKE SURE THEY ARE AWARE AND THEY COMPLY WITH THE RULES. Children will need to stay in their seats and not walk around while in the classrooms.

🍌 First and second graders will be allowed to take a walk to the bathroom accompanied by the catechist and assistant.

🍌 The rooms will be kept sanitized every Sunday.

🍌 *Please provide your child or children with a backpack. Returning children may re-use the blue ones we distributed in the past.*

*The new students and first and second graders will receive new blue backpacks with their textbooks on the first day of class.*

*All grade children will need to have their personal supplies: grades 1-4 will need to have sharpened pencils and a set of crayons.*

*Grades 5-8 will need to have pens/or pencils and a set of magic markers.*

*These supplies will be part of their backpack for the year. Because of COVID we will not be supplying these tools.*

🌻 *The Catechists may ask for other useful supplies, such as a notebook, especially for the older children.*

🌻 *Please help your child or children to come to class every week prepared, with the backpack containing the textbook and supplies.*

🌻 *A Family/Student folder will be given to all children at the first class. More explanation will be given in the next email.*

Thank you for your kind understanding and attention.

Feel free to ask questions and share your ideas. We are in this together, and do acknowledge that you have received and read this email.

**You will be receiving more information next week.**

Blessings to all,

Sr Clare