

## **Religious Education Information**

June 2019

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The purpose of the Experience Religion (ER) parish-based catechetical program is to aid parents in helping them make their children's faith become living, conscious and active through the light of instruction.

Our parish embraces the call to discipleship by living the Christian ideal through stewardship. We hand this apostolic tradition to our children by living a stewardship way of life through the willing offering of our time, talent and treasure to the family of Our Lady of the Ridge. Participation at Liturgy of the Mass and use of offertory envelopes is the highest form of prayer and worship for Catholics. The reception of the Blessed Sacrament in the Holy Eucharist is the spiritual nourishment that sustains us for the living of life. This is explained in the Stewardship Covenant that you will sign when registering your child/ren for this year of Experience Religion.

**FOR REGISTRATION TO BE ACCEPTED ALL FEES ARE DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION AND ALL FEES FROM THE PREVIOUS YEAR MUST BE PAID. If, for whatever reason, payment of fees cannot be made at registration, please contact the Parish Business Office at 708-425-0251.** A mutually agreed upon arrangement must be in place prior to registration acceptance with a first payment made before the start of classes. NOTE: Even though \$95 dollars is charged for each student, the actual cost to the parish of educating each ER student is over \$500.00. The difference between what is charged and the actual cost is covered by church offertory collections and parish raffle. This difference is referred to as the Parish "Subsidy". All ER families are **required** to "share" in this subsidy of \$100.00 per family. To offset this "share" requirement, you are allowed to submit one raffle ticket in the 2020 parish raffle.

**Sessions are held on Sunday mornings at 9:15 – 11:15 AM in the school then students will be attending 11:30 AM Mass. Sessions run from September to April averaging two a month.**

**All other additional information will be given at the first day of class on September 8, 2019 at 9:15 AM.**

The Catechists and I look forward to journeying with your family on this walk of faith.

Please fill out the stewardship covenant and registration forms with full payment and return to the ER Office in the Parish Center or to the Rectory. If you have questions please contact Kim Geissler at 708-425-0250.

Peace,

Barbara Zickterman