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Dear ER Families,

Welcome to OLOR ER classes for the 2020-2021 season. With Covid -19, this year's program will be a little different. Per the Archdiocese, we are only able to meet in person once a month. I feel very strongly that when teaching our faith, it needs to be in person, just like Jesus taught his disciples. We will only go remote (zoom) if we are shut down again. Let's pray that we never have to go through that again.

The program will start on Sunday, September 27th. Class time will be 8am to 10:45am. Classes will be every 4th Sunday of the month (except in December). The teachers and I will work very hard to cover as much material as possible during these hours. Parents are expected to also help teach their child at home. You will receive some activities to do during the off time. Class dates listed below:

9/27, 10/25, 11/22, 12/20, 1/24, 2/28, 3/28, 4/25 (Please mark your calendars).
The 8th graders will have additional zoom classes to prepare for Confirmation.

When a child enters school, temperatures will be taken, masks must be worn and hands will be sprayed. If a child becomes ill during class, there will be a separate room where he/she will be taken and the parent will be contacted. Parents are expected to pick up child immediately **not** at the end of class.

We are not allowed to provide any food or drink for the students during class sessions. So I request that each student be provided with a water bottle from home. Many of changes enacted are for the safety of your children.

Each child will have an assigned desk, which they will stay in during class sessions. Bathroom breaks will be one child at a time as needed.

All supplies will be placed in the child's desk before class begins. Books and folders will be brought home after each class in case we have to go to zoom sessions.

Parents must remember to bring books and folders to every class session.

There will be a maximum of 10 kids per classroom, which will allow for 6 feet separation of desk. 8th grade class will be held in the gym since we have more than 10 students.

Teachers will be instructed to stay in the front of the class to keep distance from the students.

A window will be opened at all times to allow circulation of fresh air.

Church is of the utmost important thing in our faith. As a parent, it is your responsibility to make sure your children are attending Mass weekly.

Options being, our current Mass schedule is 5pm Saturday, 8am, 11am (also live streaming on Facebook through website) and 4:30pm on Sunday. You must register on our web site (www.ourladyoftheridge.org) for the Mass of choice and with the number of family members attending because of space restrictions. So we will not be taking the children to Mass after class. With Covid -19 guidelines have restricted children from participating in Church. If you are nervous about attending Mass, watching it as a family would be the next best thing. This way you can still feel as part of OLOR.

As far as sacraments, dates & time will be determined at a later date:

Confirmation

Reconciliation

First Communion

More details will follow as we get closer to the dates. Keep in mind, things can change with Covid 19 still active.

Registration and Cost

If you attended ER last year 2019/2020, you need to contact Kim at 708-425-3800 in the rectory as soon as possible. **It is of the utmost importance that you give your e-mail's (all communication will be through e-mail) and a current phone number.** This must be done before classes begin, as the rooms need to be prepared. **NO walk-ins will be allowed the first day of class.**

The cost will be \$100.00 per student. If you attended last year there will be no need to pay the additional \$100.00 raffle ticket per family. **All past due fees must be paid from last year at the time of registration. Sacramental fees for First Communion/Reconciliation are \$35.00 and Confirmation is \$50.00.**

We will conduct the raffle in June 2021, God willing to support our parish and its ministries. If you are a new family, you will need to purchase a raffle ticket at time of registration, ticket will be mailed in the spring.

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 708-407-1839. Looking forward to an exciting new year teaching your children about our most precious gift of Jesus.

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