

Religious Education

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Parents & Guardians

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Thank you to all of you who attended our online classes these past months and for your participation in the prayer time. It is enormously helpful to all catechists and me.

I appreciated hearing your feedback about how well the virtual classes are going and your thoughts going forward. On a recent Zoom with the catechists, we shared our ideas and concerns.

We were particularly interested to hear the perspective on the use of cameras for classes.

It is especially important for the catechists to be able to see your children on the screen since they cannot see them in person. If our aim is to encounter the face of Jesus in others, then our faces need to be seen. Please ensure that your children keep their cameras on for the entire class. In this way, your children respect the time and effort the catechists have dedicated to the program and they honor the time they spend cultivating a relationship with Jesus. We ask that all parents remain "camera-aware" and remind their children that this is part of the Online Code of Conduct for RE classes.

I recently polled the catechists to see how many of them would be willing to teach an in-person class starting in January; more than half of them said they would not. With the ongoing health concerns and closures, we have decided to continue our virtual RE classes through next trimester Dec, Jan, and Feb as well. While we desperately want to be with you in person classes, we know that this decision is the best course of action for now. If you have children in the sacramental preparation program, we will be in touch with you regarding plans for Reconciliation Eucharist preparation.

The creativity of our catechists just continues to amaze me. They are finding new ways to engage our children, and we are all discovering that not only does God meet us where we are, God meets us online!



Happy Thanksgiving

Prayer for Thanksgiving Day

Thank you, God, for having created us and given us to each other in the human family. Thank you for being with us in all our joys and sorrows, for your comfort in our sadness, your companionship in our loneliness. Thank you for yesterday, today, tomorrow, and for the whole of our lives. Thank you for friends, for health, and for grace. May we live this and everyday conscious of all that has been given to us.

From the Catholic Prayer Book, compiled by Msgr. Michael Buckley