

**OUR LADY OF THE SNOW RELIGIOUS
EDUCATION OFFICE
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Dear Parent/ Guardian,

April 2020

Even though we do not know what the coming Catechetical Year will look like, we are going forward with our registration with a few changes. We need to begin our registration so that we can order the necessary materials for the coming year. **Please keep in mind that because of the uncertainty brought about by the COVID pandemic all the information in this letter is subject to change.**

WHAT CHANGES???

Registration - There are now several registration options. The registration forms can be found on the parish website (ourladyofthesnowbluepoint.com). You can download & print the forms and mail or drop them off at the Religious Education Office. If possible you can scan and send them to the office via email.(olsbpre@aol.com) We also have hard copies of the forms in the stairwell of the Religious Education Office . We now have On - Line Registration. Again go to the parish website and follow the instructions for this option. Hard copies of the registration forms will be on the backstairs of the Religious Education Office.

Payment Methods - You can still pay using cash or checks but you can also use your credit card here in the office or pay using Pay Pal when registering on-line.

Fees - Fees have remained the same (\$110 for 1 child \$160 for 2 children \$175 for 3 or more children however there are additional fees for families with children entering sacramental years. If you have a child(ren) entering Level 2 there is an additional \$50 fee for each child. If you have a child(ren) entering Level 9 there is an additional \$75 fee for each child.

. Please do not let the lack of funds keep you from registering; we will work with you on this matter. Call the office before May 30 so we can take care of this matter in private.

Class Schedules - Level 2 will remain the same. Classes will be Mon & Tues at 4:30 - 5:30 and Wed 6 - 7. Levels 3 - 6 will have this same schedule as Level 2 which means *the Wed 4:30 - 5:30 session is being discontinued.* Levels 7 & 8 will remain the same Mon 7 - 8pm and Tues 6 - 7pm. Level 9 will continue to meet once a month on assigned Wed nights at 7:30 -8:30.

COVID-19 Office Hours - Pat Bartoldus will be in the office Mon - Thurs 9:30am - 1pm to check the mail, phone messages and accept registration forms/payments. All other work is being done remotely from home. Loren Christie is constantly adding to our Virtual Classroom that can be accessed on the parish website under the Religious Education tab. As usual the back door to the Religious Education Office is always unlocked so you can drop off completed work or registration papers in our mailbox.

Catechists - We are hoping that many people will come forward to teach this year so that every child can have a class in September. I ask that each parent consider being part of our Religious Education Ministry and help build our church by sharing the faith of Jesus through teaching. Team teaching works well; so ask a friend! We are hoping to provide onsite workshops for catechists this summer. If not we will work something out for remote Catechist Training If we do not have enough catechists, students will be placed in the home study program. We will not add more children to already filled classes. Please do not ask a catechist with a full class to add to it. Catechists do not handle registration.

All registration is conducted through the Religious Education Office.

If you are interested in sharing your faith by being a catechist please call or email the Religious Education Office at 363-6394 or olsbpre@aol.com, as soon as possible to discuss the ministry in full.

NOTE: For parents whose children will remain with their present catechist, you must register before May 30. Not all catechists are continuing and not all are keeping their class intact, be sure your child's catechist is remaining before sending in forms. Please write the name of the catechist your forms. No class spaces will be saved.

Hoping you and your families are well Yours in Christ,