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Dear Parents/Guardians and Families,

Our Faith Formation, aka Religious Education, for the 2020-2021 academic year is beginning soon. As we navigate through all the details of social distancing and other directives through this global and national crisis, a plan to offer faith formation and sacramental preparation has been made so we can continue to grow in our relationship with Jesus and His Church.

A **NEW** look for faith formation will be implemented this year for Saint Joseph and Saint Patrick. Faith Formation will be a Family Based Program called “A Family of Faith”. The whole family will be learning together the religious terms, Scripture verses, lives of the Saints and more! This focus on the family will be for grades 1 - 12. Since the family based program is mainly activity based each month, all members of the family are invited to participate.

An in-person **Parent Orientation** is scheduled to walk parents through this new program. The dates are: Thursday, September 10<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 6:15 pm Saint Joseph Church Hall or Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7 pm Saint Patrick Church Hall. A virtual meeting will be offered on Wednesday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm. Please contact Father Scott to sign up.

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** First Communion grade 2 and Confirmation grades 9 & 10 will have additional in-person sessions to prepare for the sacraments. **First Communion** Preparation will meet twice a month on Saturday afternoons from 1-2:30 pm. **Confirmation** Preparation will meet twice a month on Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 pm. *NOTE:* all times and days are subject to change. Due to the unforeseen circumstances of our times, families may opt out of in person Sacramental preparation until the following academic year (2021-2022).

**Circle of Grace** will be taught at home for all students in grade 1-8. Students preparing for Confirmation will review the Circle of Grace as part of their class schedule. Confirmation families may opt out and request a take home for their child. Please contact Father Scott with this request.

**NEW Family Contribution Rate:** To help defray the cost of materials, a family rate will be applied for Faith Formation. The Family Rate includes: 1) Parent Guide, 2) Activity Book for each child registered (in grades 1-6), 3) A Bible for the family, 4) A Catechism of the Catholic Church for the family and limited supplies and carrying tote.

**The family rate is \$50.** You may write a check, send cash or use a credit card by using the Online Giving link on either parish website. Contribution is due at registration or speak with Father Scott for other options. *No family/child will be denied due to any financial situation.*

Please visit our YouTube page: St. Joseph & St. Patrick Burrillville, RI for specific videos that will guide the parents through the family program. Please contact Father Scott with any questions or clarifications.

Thank you all for your continued assistance, patience and flexibility as we navigate through these uncertainties.

Sincerely in Christ,  
Father Scott  
Pastor