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Dear Faith Formation Families,

The Office of Faith Formation is here to assist you with your role as primary educators of the faith for your children. After careful consideration it has been decided that we will begin this year of Faith Formation remotely and we will reevaluate the conditions mid-year. Our remote learning will be done with a combination of textbooks and virtual class times. Please see the enclosed schedule for grade level meeting times. We have a new Faith Formation Facebook page where we will post announcements and updates; please make sure to check it regularly at [facebook.com/stpiusxfathformationsy](https://facebook.com/stpiusxfathformationsy).

Enclosed you will find the registration paperwork for the Faith Formation classes for 2020-21. Upon registration students will receive grade level books, a syllabus and both students and parents will receive user login information for the Sadlier online portal. The Sadlier portal allows access to student eBooks, parent resources, and serves as a tool for communication between parents, teachers and students. All communication from teachers will go to both parents and students. In addition to eBooks, students will also receive the printed copies of the grade level textbooks to use.

Textbook pick up days will be held on : **Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup> from 12 PM – 6 PM, Sunday and September 27<sup>th</sup> from 11 AM – 1 PM.** Please arrange to pick your child's book and other paperwork up on one of those days. There will be a Parent Zoom meeting on Monday, **September 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM** to answer any questions, go over our expectations for the year and give an overview of the Sadlier learning portals. I will post the link for that meeting on the Faith Formation Facebook page for those of you who would like to join that session. Classes will begin the week of **October 4<sup>th</sup>**. Email upon request for those without access to Facebook.

As faith sharing is a key component to religious education, we would like to be able to continue that form of communication with our students and families and hope to do so with virtual sessions via Zoom or through a pre-recorded video presentation depending on grade level (please see enclosed schedule). We encourage you to view the presentations with your children. In accordance with the Office of Safe Environments there will be two CORI'd adult teachers present on all Zoom meetings. Students will be assigned a lesson each week in addition to the virtual lessons. Links for the Zoom meetings will be sent out through the Sadlier portal or through the Blackboard Connect System depending on the grade level. If you would like your child to participate in the Zoom meetings, please sign and return the enclosed permission form with your registration materials. A copy of the Zoom guidelines can be found on the St. Pius X website under Faith Formation [www.stpiusx.com/faithformationyouthministry/](http://www.stpiusx.com/faithformationyouthministry/).

Our program is only made possible by the dedication of the many volunteers who take the time each week to share their faith with the students in our program. Many of our volunteers have come forward and are ready to share their faith with the students in our program, however, we are still in need of additional volunteers. Our needs have changed with the times this fall – could you be an assistant on a Zoom call that is less than 40 minutes once per week, or would you be willing to teach a class remotely? Please consider how you can help us with Faith Formation this year.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters this fall. We are here to assist you in any way possible as this year of Faith Formation begins at home in the domestic church. Your role in the formation of Christian values in your child's life is irreplaceable. We hope the weekly lessons will help you and your children grow together in faith.

If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me either by phone or email (508) 394-0709 or [stpiusxreled@comcast.net](mailto:stpiusxreled@comcast.net). Our office hour are Monday – Thursday 10 AM – 5 PM.

Sincerely,

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