

Hello Religious Education Families!

I hope this email finds you well. As we continue the reopening of our church and begin rescheduling all of our postponed Sacraments, I am sure many of you have wondered...What about Religious Education for next year?

I want to assure you that, in the midst of all that has been going on, we have continued to work on plans for the upcoming R E year.

Out of an abundance of caution and with the understanding that we do not have the resources or ability to reduce class size or add sessions, we will be offering an online Religious Education program for the 20/21 R E year.

While we have not finalized the details of the program, we are planning to include some virtual learning and, when we are permitted, to invite you back for some in person activities. Sacrament years; 2nd and 8th, will have more of a virtual component and we will focus on returning to in person meetings when we are permitted to do so.

As you know, Faith Formation is a continuous process; one that should last a lifetime! Formal Religious Education continues through 8th grade. We sincerely hope that you will not view this year as time off, but as an opportunity to deepen your Faith as a family! If you should decide not to register, please understand that when you return, you will enter the program at the grade level you would have been registered for in 20/21. Please be mindful that sacraments are celebrated taking into consideration readiness and not a particular age, but understand that a delay may impact the reception of the next sacrament.

I want to assure families that continuing your child's faith journey at home this year will not be burdensome. The weekly commitment is for approximately 1 hour and it does not have to be one continuous hour; formation happens when you say grace before meals, pray before bed, attend Mass (or watch it livestreamed ;-)), and spend some time reading the lesson and then completing the chapter assessment online.

Registration this year will be by grade level only. There are no sessions to register for, but PLEASE register. We do need to know in order to order the materials for the program.

Tuition will remain the same for this year.

1 Student: \$175.00

2 Students: \$ 225.00

3 or more Students: \$275.00

8th Grade Retreat Fee: \$25.00

GENERAL INFORMATION

- You must be a registered Parishioner to be eligible to participate in the Religious Education program.
- **First time registrants:** Baptismal Certificates are required (a copy is acceptable) for each newly (first time) registered student. Please furnish a copy of the Baptismal Certificate by scanning and emailing, mailing or drop off to the Rel. Ed. office.
- Students must be re-registered each year to remain in our program, REGISTRATION IS NOT AUTOMATIC.
- Tuition payments: Debit and Credit cards and bank transfers (check) will be accepted. Please keep in mind that materials/programs, lights, heat and salaries must be paid.
- Anyone experiencing financial difficulties should still register and contact the Rel. Ed. Office.
- Confirmation of registration will be sent automatically by email at the 1) completion of the registration process and 2) upon authorization of tuition payment.
- **The registration link is now active so you may register at any time. Please see the instructions and link below.**
- The Parent Handbook is currently being updated and will be available on the website soon.

Please follow the steps for Online Registration for the SRB 2020 – 2021 Rel. Ed. Program:

- Fill out the registration form completely, if you leave out a field – it will not allow you to advance to the next page of the form.
- To navigate the site, only click on the Next page OR Previous page, please DO NOT use the back arrows on your browser – your info will be deleted.
- Please make sure you specify the grade for EACH child you are registering. The Grade you choose is **the Grade your child will be entering in Sept. 2020**. Each grade has a number of available spots. There is plenty of room for everyone!
- Upon completing the form there will be another screen that asks you to Submit Form and Pay.
- Click on **Submit and Pay** to enter your Debit or Credit card information.
PLEASE DO NOT LET FINANCIAL CIRCUMSTANCES PREVENT YOU FROM REGISTERING YOUR CHILD. PLEASE REGISTER YOUR CHILD ONLINE AND THEN CONTACT THE REL. ED. OFFICE.
- You will receive 2 emails for confirmation from the following email address: info@parishgiving.org *please add this address to your address book / contacts to ensure that you will receive these very important confirmation emails. Failure to add this email address could result in these messages being forwarded to Spam / Junk folders.
- The 2 emails you will receive are as follows: 1) initial confirmation that your registration has been received along with a copy of your registration form and 2) A confirmation for your tuition payment.
- Our provider for Online Registration is John Patrick Publishing (JPP), if you are having trouble navigating the site or have any questions about the online registration please call 866-307-7140.
- **Only submit ONE registration form.** If you believe you have made an error on the form, please email your concern to: religioused@strobert.cc.
- 1st Graders or anyone new to the Rel. Ed. program, the Rel. Ed. office requires a copy of the student's Baptismal Certificate (even if your child was baptized at St. Robert's a copy of the certificate is required for their student file). The Certificate can be scanned and emailed, mailed or dropped off at your convenience.
- Click on this link which will bring you directly to the Online Registration form:
<https://forms.parishgiving.org/form-2598391/>

Thank you for your anticipated cooperation and assistance with the SRB online registration process!