

Dear Parents:

We hope this email finds you and your family happy and healthy. As you know, the Religious Education Program has ended for this year. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and support this past year. We know that asynchronous learning provides challenges for everyone, especially parents, and we are so grateful that you guided your children through the lessons we posted each week.

We would like to share with you our plans for the 2022/2023 Religious Education Program. It is our hope that we will be able to return to in-person learning, however, many of our current catechists who have supported our program in the past, will not be returning in the fall. In order for us to plan our classes and to put schedules together, we first need to be sure we have enough catechists to teach the children of our parish community. Many of you have been helping your children with their weekly lessons as they navigated our Home Learning Program; you have, in essence, been their catechist. Many of you have shared with us that you enjoyed working with your children and treasured the time spent with them as they learned about their faith each week. We would be grateful if you would consider volunteering your time as a catechist. If you are interested in sharing your faith, time and talent, please email us [stjosephreled@optonline.net](mailto:stjosephreled@optonline.net) by Monday, May 16. Please also let us know if you have a preference as to which grade you would like to assist with.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact our office via email at [stjosephreled@optonline.net](mailto:stjosephreled@optonline.net), since we continue to work from home at this time.

Thank you and have a blessed day.

Kind regards,

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