We are happy to announce that we have streamlined our registration process for the 2020-2021 year. You can now register your children for our program using our online registration and payment form. The *NEW* required online registration form will be available on our website www.saintjosephreligiouseducation.org on **Monday, August 31.** The registration form must be completed in full. Students **are not** automatically registered. You must re-register your child for this year. You must also sign saying you read the Parent Handbook. It is available in the "CLASSES" section on our website. Registration will close on Wednesday, September 30, 2020.

As previously mentioned, we have decided that the safest way to share our faith with our students at this time would be to offer a **home learning program**. This will be the only option available for all students at this time. Our home learning program will be engaging, user-friendly, and facilitated by our faithful catechists. We will not be hosting live sessions. We will continue to use the same programs that we have been using. We will use Pflaum *Gospel Weeklies* for grades 1, 3,4,5, and 6. We will use the Dynamic Catholic *Blessed* program for grade 2, and the Dynamic Catholic *Decision Point* program for grades 7 and 8. We will provide our families with online access to *Gospel Weeklies, Blessed* and *Decision Point* materials, and our catechists will provide supporting lessons. Lessons will be posted each Wednesday and we will require students to complete the lessons in a week. Students will also be required to complete a brief assessment after lesson completion. We will provide much more detailed instructions in a later e-mail.

Home Learning will begin on **Wednesday, October 7, 2020** with the hope that when it is safe to host in person, onsite classes following all the guidelines and protocols, we will adjust our program accordingly.

Registration Fee and Sacrament Fees are as follows:

- \$300 Registration Fee—one child
- \$475 Registration Fee—two or more children
- \$125 Sacrament Fee for First Communion (2nd Graders Only)
- \$125 Sacrament Fee for Confirmation (8th Graders Only)
- \$150 Registration and Sacrament Fee for Catholic Private School Students only
- New students, in addition to the registration form, please e-mail the following documents to us:
 - o a copy of the Baptism Certificate
 - o date and name of parish where First Reconciliation was received, and if applicable a copy of the Communion Certificate.

If you have any questions or concerns during this difficult time, please contact our office via email at stjosephreled@optonline.net, since we are working from home at this time.

Thank you,

Antoinette Gilligan Director of Religious Education