General Instructions for Religious Education 2018-19

Overview:

The Religious Education of a child requires three things:

- 1. Parents teaching about God and prayer in the home, the domestic church, by word and example.
- 2. Attendance at and participation in, at least, Mass on Sundays and periodic reception of the Sacrament of Penance.
- 3. Parish based Religious Education classes or a Catholic School.

If all three elements are not present, there is not much chance for success. That is why attendance at Mass is a requirement here in order to continue in Religious Education.

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Registration: (all forms can be downloaded at www.sjpparish.org)

 For re-registration, download and complete the appropriate form for your children, attach the tuition check and any necessary certificate copies and send in by stamped US Mail by June 30. Do not email or "drop off" registrations; they will not be accepted. This is the safest way to make sure that your children are registered.

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- Please Note: All families in our Religious Education Program must be registered and on-line contributing (weekly or monthly) members of Saints John and Paul Parish. Applications will not be accepted unless the We Share (formerly Parish Pay) account numbers are provided and are active. Any concerns with this should be discussed directly with Deacon Shea.
- For new and transfer registrations, download and complete the entire form(s) and make an appointment to meet with the Director. Call 914-834-4597 ext. 2 and speak with Mrs. Avery or email Deacon Shea at jshea@sjpparish.org for appointments.

Tuition and fees: These are listed on the registration forms. Please contact Deacon Shea if there are financial issues.

Sacraments: Parent / Child Meeting schedules for the Sacraments will be scheduled soon.

First Penance: Second Grade

First Holy Communion: Second Grade

Confirmation: Eighth Grade (preparation starts in 6th grade)

Teaching: We rely on people from the parish to help pass on the Faith to the younger generations. Moms, Dads, High School students and others. Please prayerfully consider teaching or co-teaching a grade this year. It is not difficult or time consuming and can be very rewarding.

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Communications:

- All communications are done via email (including school closings and class cancellations). Please make sure we have the best email addresses for your family.
- All information and forms for the Program and the Sacraments are posted on the Parish website: www.sjpparish.org on the Religious Education page.

Mass attendance:

Attendance at and participation in Sunday Mass is critical to the Religious upbringing of all children. It is the parents' responsibility to bring their children to Mass on Sundays. We review the Scripture readings for Mass each week so that the children will have a good understanding of the Mass and the Scriptures. Any issues with this should be discussed with Deacon Shea <u>prior</u> to registration.

Home Schooling: We allow homeschooling where necessary. Please contact Deacon Shea.