



*St. Charles Borromeo
Office of Faith Formation*

Home-based 2020-21

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for signing your child up for Home-based catechesis this year. It was a difficult decision to go solely this way but we were concerned not just for the health and safety for the children but for your extended families and for our catechists and staff. We pray that this passes and everyone stays healthy and safe. Until then, we'll have home-based lessons.

A separate letter addressing the students in levels 3 & 7 will be sent in September so we may be able to bring you the most up to date directives.

There are a few things I would like to review before lessons begin. First, please respond to your child's catechist's emails. The catechists are working very hard to prepare lessons and will be sending messages and videos through email.

Pick up and drop off

There are assigned times to pick up your child(ren)'s work. If you are unable to come to either of the times for each unit, please contact the faith formation office so other arrangements may be made.

In the first pick-up, there will be the textbook, a folder, instructions and a lesson plan. Part of the lesson plan may include a craft, game or other activity. For the subsequent pick-ups, you may drop off your child's work.

The days for Pick-up/drop-offs are:

Unit 1	Wednesday, October 7	Sunday, October 11
Unit 2	Wednesday, December 2	Sunday, December 6
Unit 3	Wednesday, February 10	Sunday, February 14
Unit 4	Wednesday, April 7	Sunday, April 11
Final Drop off Week of May 23, 2021		

Organization- Each child will receive a folder along with the textbook and other materials. Please use it to keep all work together and organized. A large manila envelope will also be given out. Put all work that needs to be returned into this. Each envelope will have a label with your child's name and level. The envelope will be returned to you at the next drop-off/pick-up

Other ways to send work to Catechist or Prep Office

Your child's catechist will require some work to be sent back to him/her or to the Prep Office. There are several ways to do this.

- Take a photo of the work and email it
- Scan work into your computer and email it
- Drop work off in Rectory- put in an envelope addressed to Prep
- Videos may be required as well. We are using an app called Flipgrid. More information will be sent on that as we get closer to beginning.

Assessments

There will be assessments this year. Because of the lack of face to face teacher/student interaction, the catechist is unable to determine how well the students understand the content. By assigning assessments/tests, the catechist will be able to see how your child is doing with the lessons. This will also help determine if your child is ready to move on to the next level.

Works of Mercy

And the king will say to them in reply, 'Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:40

This year we are carrying out a quarterly Work of Mercy. This is a wonderful way to get children involved understanding the needs of others. When I was teaching, my little ones would do chores around their house to earn money to buy items for the food drive. They would then go with their parents to the supermarket, choose the food and pack the cans and boxes into their backpacks to bring to school. They were so excited to be helping both their families and their church family.

That is what I'm hoping to achieve here. There are three different charities that we will be donating to. Items may be dropped off at the Pick-up/Drop-off days or placed in the containers at St. Charles in the Our Lady of Guadalupe Chapel.

The schedule is as follows:

Unit 1 Socktober

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| Unit 2 | Canned Food Drive for Pantry/Christmas card for Camilla Hall |
| Unit 3 | Toiletries for Camilla Hall/Paper for Easter cards |
| Unit 4 | Snacks for Camilla Hall/Birthday cards for Fr. Forlano |

Volunteers

We cannot run a successful program without volunteers. There are numerous ways to help us out this year without the need of clearances. On the Drop-off/pick-up days, we need help passing out and collecting the packets. These take place after Mass and one evening. The two weeks prior we need help copying and putting the packets together. If you can give us an hour during any of these times, please contact the Prep Office.

Catechists

The catechists this year are as follows:

Level 1 Pat Indelicato

Level 2 Mary Barbee

Tracey Connell

Level 3 Cindy Killion

Jo-Ann Falls

Level 4 Joe Jones

Mike Lloyd

Level 5 Pat Fuller

Level 6 Janet Osada

Noel Jimenez

Level 7 Jack Robbins

Terry Walsh

This is a new concept for us and we will be learning as we go. If you have questions or concerns or ideas, please let me know. I pray you are all safe and that this PREP year will not be a burden but a source of joy and enrich your family's prayer life.

God Bless!

Annette Baird

Director of Faith Formation