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## To the Parents and Guardians of our Students,

Thank you for your continued patience and support through this last year as we walked together on this journey to build and foster growth within your child/ren's faith. To those of you who will be ending your time here with us, blessings upon you as you continue your journey forward outside of our program.

For those families that will be returning for the 2020-2021 Religious Education year, you will find in the attached packet in-

formation regarding the enrollment process and expectations for the upcoming sessions. The parent covenant you will find is a brief outline of that which will be included within the 2020-2021 Handbook which will be distributed on the first day of classes.

We thank you for your continued support of our Religious Education program, and we look forward to continuing to walk alongside you on this faith journey next year.

# Parent and Guardian Covenant

## Tuition and Fees

### TUITION

1 Child	\$180
2+ Children (immediate family only)	\$270

### FEES (PER CHILD)

Workbook	\$40
First Reconciliation/Communion	\$50
Confirmation	\$50

All tuition must be paid in full by the start of classes on September 12, 2020. Payments can be made online via the parish website or by dropping off a check/cash at the rectory or Religious Education office. We thank you for your support of the Religious Education program here at OLMC!

### I. MASS

We will attend Mass with our child/ren each week.

Our child/ren will attend their assigned class-sponsored Mass each month to gain an understanding of what it means to participate in service for the church.

### II. ASSIGNMENTS

We will work with our child/ren at home on a weekly basis to complete their assignments. As responsible parents, we will make sure that our children come to class prepared and with their books.

### III. ATTENDANCE

We will make sure our child/ren are in attendance each week. If our child/ren are absent due to illness or a family emergency, we will notify the office and be responsible to complete any missed work.

We will adhere to the attendance guidelines that will be made available to us in the 2020-2021 Handbook on the first day of classes.

We are aware that there will be parent meetings throughout the year that we will be asked to attend. We understand these will be listed in the 2020-2021 Handbook handed out on the first day of class.

### IV. SUPPORT

We will show support for our volunteer teachers. We understand that they are working diligently to offer our child/ren a supplemental knowledge to that which we are providing in our home.

### V. CLASS START DATES/TIMES

We are aware that classes begin on September 12, 2020 and that all classes will take place from 9:30am-12:00pm the first and second Saturday of each month from September-April.

We understand all class dates and times will be listed in the 2020-2021 Handbook we will be receiving the first day of class.

# Volunteering

## **LEADING BY EXAMPLE**

Leading by example is a discussion that is often brought up at catechetical meetings. We must remember that children are always watching us and they are often learning to emulate our actions and reaction to the events in our lives. One of the most important things as a catechetical minister is setting an example for the students through the way we teach and participate with one another in the classroom. You can be part of this teaching by participating in student education through many different ways!

## **TEACHER AIDES**

Teacher aides help in the classroom as a facilitator. Aides do not teach the lessons but instead help the teacher by working one-on-one with students during activities, setting up crafts, or gathering supplies.

*Tuition reduction available for aides with child/ren in the program.*

## **ASSISTANT CATECHIST**

Assistant catechists work alongside another teacher in planning, preparing, and teaching lessons during the Religious Education sessions. By working alongside another teacher, assistant catechists are able to share the work and through this, they demonstrate to their students cooperation and collaboration with others.

*Tuition reduction available for assistant catechists with child/ren in the program.*

## **CATECHIST**

Catechists take on the responsibility of teacher in the classroom setting. Catechists are in charge of planning, preparing, and instituting lesson plans and activities each week of classes.

*Tuition reduction available for catechists with child/ren in the program.*

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## Volunteer Sign-Up

### LEADING BY EXAMPLE

We will need new catechists at all grade levels this year. This is a great way to get more involved in our parish and to learn more about your faith! All materials are prepared for you (textbooks, activities, supplies) and there will be monthly check-ins to help you with lesson planning and preparation. Most catechists teach in teams so that the responsibility can be shared, so please consider signing up to help out in one way or another!

We also rely on people who might be willing to substitute.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone/cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

CATECHIST Preferred Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_

ASSISTANT CATECHIST Preferred Grade Level(s) \_\_\_\_\_

TEACHER AIDE

DOOR MONITOR/OFFICE HELP

SUBSTITUTE

Our programs are your programs.

Nothing happens without the involvement of volunteers!

How can you help?

