

Dear STA Parents & Guardians,

The summer of 2021 has proven to be challenging in constantly tracking the status of the Covid-19 virus. We have been monitoring information from the CDC, the Pennsylvania and Montgomery County Departments of Health, and local school districts. We have also been receiving regular updates from the Archdiocese of Philadelphia as regards Religious Education programs for 2021-2022.

Having reviewed the information, and discussed the safest option for our parish youth, Catechists and staff, I have decided that our fall PREP program beginning September 13, 2021 will be our Catechist Directed Home School program. This program will continue until the end of the first semester in December. I will continue to monitor information during the fall, and re-evaluate later this year for the spring semester beginning in January, 2022.

This is the same Catechist Directed Home School program that we utilized last year. The Catechists will email weekly lessons and insights for you to use with your child as you work together on their religious education journey. They will also be available by phone as needed.

It is our plan to go forward with some in-person activities for the children in the fall, such as monthly Family Mass, quarterly parent/student meetings, candidate meetings and interviews, and our Thanksgiving Food Drive. **We are also planning for in-person meetings with the Catechists on the first night of class, Monday, September 13. Lesson materials will be distributed at this time. If this plan changes I will contact you with new arrangements.**

I appreciate your support and understanding as we continue to grow and change our PREP program to provide the safest and most supportive environment for our parish youth.

**Blessings,
Fr. Jerry Wild**

