



St. Mary
of the
Assumption
Catholic Church

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Dear Parents,

First of all, I want to thank you in advance for your patience this year. Due to the pandemic that has changed the way we go about our lives for the time being, we will be approaching Religious Education differently this year.

To keep everyone's health and safety a priority, our CCD classes will be moved to an online platform until further notice. However, we do still have physical materials to hand out to your family (books, information on our online learning environment, letters of introduction, etc). To ensure that you all receive them, we will be holding a "*Back to CCD Night*" where parents will be able to meet their child's CCD instructors as well as myself.

In lieu of everyone gathering together inside the school, we will have families come in one at a time in a line to obtain their necessary materials, allow a brief moment for introductions and questions, and then ask them to leave to allow the next family in line to do the same. After this, with the possible exception of some parent meetings, all our correspondence will be digital until such a time comes that we are able to resume using the school's facilities safely. If your family needs special accommodation to allow your child to participate in religious education this year, please don't hesitate to contact me personally. No child should be denied access to religious education and I plan to strive to ensure that everyone who wants their children in CCD will be able to have them in CCD.

Attached to this letter is a secondary permission form required by the Archdiocese of Washington for all virtual education. Please read it thoroughly, sign it, and attach it to your other CCD registration form. **If I do not have a signed permission form for our virtual learning for a certain child, they will not be allowed to participate in our online CCD program this year until I have one. You must fill out one permission form per child in CCD.**

Thank you very much for your understanding and cooperation during these complicated times. Further logistic information regarding our *Back to CCD Night* will be sent out to registered families as we near October.

Yours in Christ,

Mrs. Kristina Lindgren-Andersen



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2020 Online Religious Education **Permission & Release/Waiver Form**

The 2020 School of Religious Education at St. Mary of the Assumption Catholic Parish will include sessions offered through an online platform. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and/or volunteers who are subject to the Archdiocese of Washington's *Child Protection and Safe Environment Policy*. I will be notified of the sessions and how they will be conducted, including registration links should I want to be present with my child.

I understand that, as parent and/or legal guardian, I remain legally responsible for any actions taken by my child (listed below as "participant"). My child agrees to abide by all rules and regulations outlined for participation in the program, including all rules and regulations outlined for any online session(s). I understand and agree that the Office for Catechesis and the Archdiocese of Washington will not be held liable if my child fails to cooperate with said regulations and that any infractions of the rules may result in immediate dismissal from the activity.

I, _____ (Name of parent or guardian), grant permission for _____ (Name of participant) to participate in Religious Education at St. Mary of the Assumption Parish.

Date: _____