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July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We want to take a moment and first say thank you for all that you do! As parents ourselves, we can appreciate all the work and sacrifices you make for your children.

As we stated in our opening email to you a few weeks ago, our new parish administrator, Fr. Ray, has asked us to oversee both the Religious Education program, as well as the Youth Ministry program. Many of you already know Matt, who was the Director of Religious Education & Youth Ministry here from 2010-2016 and briefly again last fall. In that email, we mentioned about having to make some changes to the upcoming religious education year. Why the changes? Over the past several years, we have lost several volunteers in our program who had committed themselves to teaching each week, as well as helping virtually during the height of the covid pandemic. Last year, we were unable to hold classes for two grade levels on Sunday mornings. We have also had families move to other parishes, so our enrollment has dropped significantly over the past several years. Finally, as parents ourselves, we know how busy life can be! We both work two jobs and have a 4 ½ year old who is starting to become more involved in school and extracurricular activities. So, we both can understand how life just keeps seeming to be getting busier and busier.

So, in consultation with Fr. Ray, we have decided that it is best for this upcoming year to offer a family-based program. What does that mean? To put it simply, it's a mix of in-classroom teaching, as well as asking for you to help your children with some work at home, as well as offering several voluntary family events throughout the year. So what does this family-based program look like? The plan is to offer seven in-classroom meetings throughout the year. While class is going on, we are asking you, the parents, either one or both of you, to stay for a 30–45-minute presentation based on the material in your child's books. During the presentation, we will be offering you food and refreshments. So, think of it as a way to take a break from life and spend time with your friends while your children are in class. For the weeks your children will be working at home, we simply ask that they submit the interactive session reviews each week, as many of you are now familiar with. Preparation for First Reconciliation, First Communion, and Confirmation will remain the same. In fact, they are actually being enhanced and if your child is receiving a sacrament this year, you will receive more information soon.

We understand that some of you may not like or even support a change to the program. Some of you may prefer your child come each week to in-person classes or that you want to simply just work from home. Trust us when we say we understand. The simple reality and truth is that at the moment, we simply are unable to enlist the allotted amount of volunteers needed to have a full in-person program. We also feel that in light of the events of the past year, that this change will be good because it will help bring you the parents a bit more into the preparation of your child's faith formation, a promise you made at their baptism about being the first people in their lives to raise them in the Catholic faith.

In addition to the change in classes, we are also planning on bringing back several of the popular programs which covid unfortunately halted for some time. This includes our weekly Liturgy of the Word for children, which helps explain God's word to them at their level, the monthly class Masses where we invite your children to participate at a Sunday Mass, and several family-based events for you and your children, such as the Spookley Halloween Night we held last fall, and much much more!

All that we and Fr. Ray ask for is a chance. A chance to be able to show you the parents that we care about you and your children, as well as their faith formation. An example of this is included in this packet and includes a backpack blessing, an athletes blessing, and our first ever comedy evening featuring our best friend and someone many of you know, Fr. Paul Houlis.

We have included the registration form if you have yet to register your child yet. (We are working on an online registration and will have that up and running soon.) **If you have yet to register your child for the fall and would like to do so, we ask that you do as soon as you can. If you are not planning on returning to the program or to the parish, we ask that you let us know as well.** As always, please feel free to contact us with the information provided at the beginning of this letter. Finally, below are the grades we still need volunteers to help teach. Remember, it's only 7 classes this year! Grab a friend!

Thank You For All You Do!

Jennifer DeCaux  
Director of Religious Education

**Sunday Morning Teacher Openings:  
Pre- K, Grade 2-3, Grade 5-6, 8**

**Tuesday Afternoon Teacher Openings:  
Kindergarten, Grades 2-6**

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## 2022-2023 CALENDAR

<b>Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Session 1- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>- Session 1 Family Gath</b>
Sunday, October 9 <sup>th</sup> - Session 2	Tuesday, October 11 <sup>th</sup> - Session 2
Sunday, October 16 <sup>th</sup> - Session 3	Tuesday, October 18 <sup>th</sup> - Session 3
Sunday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup> - Session 4	Tuesday, October 25 <sup>th</sup> - Session 4
<b>Sunday, October 30<sup>th</sup>- Session 5-Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>- Session 5- Family Gath</b>
Sunday, November 6 <sup>th</sup> - Session 6-	Tuesday, November 8 <sup>th</sup> - Session 6
Sunday, November 13 <sup>th</sup> - Session 7	Tuesday, November 15 <sup>th</sup> - Session 7
Sunday, November 20 <sup>th</sup> - Session 8	Tuesday, November 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Session 8
Sunday, November 27 <sup>th</sup> - Session 9	Tuesday, November 29 <sup>th</sup> - Session 9
<b>Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>- Session 10- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>- Session 10- Family Gath</b>
Sunday, December 11 <sup>th</sup> - Session 11	Tuesday, December 13 <sup>th</sup> - Session 11
<b>Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>- Session 15- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, December 20<sup>th</sup>- Session 15- Family Gath</b>
Sunday, January 1 <sup>st</sup> - Session 12	Tuesday, January 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Session 12
Sunday, January 8 <sup>th</sup> - Session 13	Tuesday, January 10 <sup>th</sup> - Session 13
Sunday, January 15 <sup>th</sup> - Session 14	Tuesday, January 17 <sup>th</sup> - Session 14
<b>Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>- Session 16- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, January 24<sup>th</sup>- Session 16- Family Gath</b>
Sunday, January 29 <sup>th</sup> - Session 17	Tuesday, January 31 <sup>st</sup> - Session 17
Sunday, February 5 <sup>th</sup> - Session 18	Tuesday, February 7 <sup>th</sup> - Session 18
Sunday, February 12 <sup>th</sup> - Session 19	Tuesday, February 14 <sup>th</sup> - Session 19
Sunday, February 19 <sup>th</sup> - Session 20	Tuesday, February 21 <sup>st</sup> - Session 20
<b>Sunday, February 26<sup>th</sup>- Session 21- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup>- Session 21- Family Gath</b>
Sunday, March 5 <sup>th</sup> - Session 22	Tuesday, March 7 <sup>th</sup> - Session 22
Sunday, March 12 <sup>th</sup> - Session 23	Tuesday, March 14 <sup>th</sup> - Session 23
Sunday, March 19 <sup>th</sup> - Session 24	Tuesday, March 21 <sup>st</sup> - Session 24
<b>Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>- Session 25- Family Gath</b>	<b>Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>- Session 25- Family Gath</b>
<b>Family Gath Means In-Person Classes</b>	<b>Family Gath Means In-Person Classes</b>

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<i>Day Preferred</i>	
Sunday - Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup>	(9:30-10:45AM) _____
Tuesday-Pre-K thru 6 <sup>th</sup>	(4:15-5:30PM) _____
Tuesday-7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup>	(7:15-8:30PM) _____

# FIRST TIME REGISTRANT 2022-2023

For Office Use Only	
Date Rec'd	_____
Am't Rec'd	_____
Check #	_____
Cash	_____

Child's Baptismal Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Town/State of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

**A COPY OF CHILD'S BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE MUST BE ON FILE BEFORE SACRAMENTS ARE RECEIVED**

School Child Attends \_\_\_\_\_  
School Grade Sept. 2022 \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Ed. Grade Sept. 2022 \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Father's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Full Maiden/ Married Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
Street \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
City/State/Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's Religion \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Correspondence to: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Mr. & Mrs., Mrs., Mr., or Ms.) (Required)

Student Lives with: ( ) Both Parents ( ) Mother ( ) Father ( ) Guardian  
Emergency Contact other than SELF Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Religious Education Program previously attended if any: \_\_\_\_\_  
Are you registered in this parish? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

**Any information the Catechist should know about your child in order to help him/her learn**  
(Examples: learning disability, asthma, allergy, etc.) *Required*

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Baptism Date \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church & Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Eucharist \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church & Address \_\_\_\_\_

First Reconciliation \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_ Church & Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**Tuition: \$110.00 for one child \$140.00 for two children \$175.00 for three or more**  
*Check payable to Our Lady of Good Counsel*

**10% discount for the first week of registration. Late fee after May 31<sup>st</sup> is \$25.00**

**CHECKLIST BEFORE YOU RETURN THIS PACKET DID YOU...**

Fully complete form \_\_\_\_\_ Include tuition \_\_\_\_\_ Include Parent Contract \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Consent Form \_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Contract 2022-2023

**Parents Should Review the Parent Handbook online at  
www.olgcwt.org and sign this contract.**

Please note the following areas we wish to bring to your attention:

- 1) The elimination of snacks during our programs due to the increasing number of life-threatening allergies. Children should have snacks and bathroom breaks before coming to class.
- 2) Your child is permitted a total of four absences for the entire year. In the event one is absent for more than this, the child is subject to work being sent home and the possibility of having to repeat the grade.
- 3) Please inform the Religious Education Office of all special needs of your child(ren). We cannot be as effective if we are not aware of the needs of your child.
- 4) In case of an accident or serious illness, the above name Catholic Church will contact the parent/guardian. If the church is unable to reach the parent/guardian, or any other person designated, then the parent/guardian will hereby authorize the church and its representatives to make arrangements for immediate emergency treatment. Payment of fees for all medical services will be the responsibility of the parent/guardian. This medical release is valid from June 25, 2022 to June 25, 2023 and for all events throughout the year. It is the parent's responsibility to update this form as necessary throughout the year.

### Permission To Use Student(s) Photographs

During the year, we would like to be able to use photographs of the children to let people in our parish and our community, know about the things that are happening in our program.

**I give permission for photographs to be used in the following ways:**

- Posted on displays in the classrooms, Parish Center and Church
- Included in articles in the parish bulletin
- Posted on the Parish Website
- Submitted to the Media (Such as the Community Life/Pascack Press/Catholic Advocate)

**I do not want photographs to be posted or published at all.**

Parent/Guardian Name \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_



**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF RECEIPT OF DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of \_\_\_\_\_.

I have read the DIGITAL COMMUNICATIONS POLICY, I fully understand it, and I voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms. I represent and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

Parent/Legal Guardian NAME (REQUIRED):

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian SIGNATURE (REQUIRED):

\_\_\_\_\_

Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

City (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

State: New Jersey



**AUTHORIZATION, CONSENT AND RELEASE FOR  
ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION INVOLVING MINORS FORM**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, am the parent or legal guardian of  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I give permission for my child to participate in (Our Lady of Good Counsel Parish  
CCD ONLINE GATHERING)

I understand that I will have access to everything provided to my child and be made aware of how digital media is being used, be told how to access the sites, and be given the opportunity to be copied on all material sent to my child via digital platforms.

I authorize and consent to staff and/or volunteers of the Parish to communicate with my Child electronically, including via the above-referenced video conferencing tools in accordance with the program(s).

I have read this Consent and Release Form, I fully understand it, and I voluntarily agree to be bound by its terms. I represent and certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor.

Parent/Legal Guardian Name (REQUIRED):

\_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Legal Guardian Signature (REQUIRED):

\_\_\_\_\_

Email (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

Address (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

City (REQUIRED): \_\_\_\_\_

State: New Jersey



*Please Volunteer,  
We Need You!*

2022 - 2023

**We need many adult volunteers- Moms,  
Dads, Grandparents, High School Siblings,  
etc. to make our program successful!**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Virtus training & a Diocesan application and background check must be completed & turned in **before** you can be volunteers. Please see us for forms & information.

Volunteer Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Child(ren)'s Name(s) & Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

**Full Year Program**

Grade: \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_ I would like to teach

\_\_\_ I would like to co-teach

\_\_\_ I can be a classroom aide

\_\_\_ I can be a substitute

**During Class Time**

\_\_\_ I can be an attendance helper

\_\_\_ I can be a Hall Monitor

**Supporting Roles**

\_\_\_ I will be willing to participate on an as needed basis, about issues concerning the entire program as a member of the Religious Education Advisory Board

\_\_\_ I am interested in helping in another area concerning the Parish



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**When: Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Mass**

**Join Us As We Invite All Children & Teens to Bring Their Backpacks to Mass for a Special Blessing For The Brand New School Year!**

**Questions?**

**Call/Text Jenn DeCaux, [862-591-3440](tel:862-591-3440)/[olgcreligioused@gmail.com](mailto:olgcreligioused@gmail.com)**

**We Look Forward To Seeing You Soon!**

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**Please Join Us For A Special Blessing For All Athletes for the Upcoming Year! (Please bring your Jersey, Piece of Equipment, Etc.)**

**When: Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> 11:00am Mass**

**Questions?**

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**“Sports are not merely the exercise of muscles, but the school of moral values and of training in courage, in perseverance, and in overcoming laziness and carelessness. There is no doubt that these values are of greatest interest for the formation of a personality which considers sports not an end in itself but as a means to total and harmonious physical, moral and social development.”- St. John Paul II**