

# St. John the Evangelist Church



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Dear Religious Education Families,

Welcome to a new and exciting year as we encounter the new normal of the unexamined and unintentional routines that has actually given us the freedom to change the busyness of our lives. March 2020 has made it possible to have a different outlook on our spirituality and the possibilities for growth through self-denial. In sight, we no longer have the accessibility to experience certain events or connectivity of family and church. It has made us reflect on our current situations and the demands of the busyness we had grown accustomed to. All that activity delivered the opposite of what it promised and left us with a spiritual sadness. Although the virus, while dangerous and without discrimination, has disrupted the normalcy of our lives, it forced us to reevaluate how we lived our lives. I hope that in your creativity of time and talent, you have considered how God can transform you and fill you with faith, hope and love.

This year as we begin 2020-2021 religious education in October through virtual learning, I pray we can connect spiritually in a fun and innovative way in the Catholic faith. With uncertainty and faith, I hope with the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we can shape that experience into what God wills for religious education through the love and sacrifice that Jesus has shown us. I ask you to join our prayer and ask our Blessed Mother to cover us in her mantle and remind us often in our life to do whatever her son asks of us, thus that we will face this pandemic crisis with fearlessness and devotion to our Father who created us and the world in which we live. May we graciously consecrate our families to the Holy Heart of Jesus, Mary and Joseph.

With God's Grace,  
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