March 10, 2020

Dear Parents:

The Archdiocese of San Francisco, Office of Faith Formation, has advised all parishes that as of Thursday, March 12, we are to suspend all Faith Formation Programs for the rest of this school year (March through May).

During this very serious time of keeping our communities safe from COVID-19, we will proceed as follows:

- The Parish Catechetical Leaders will provide textbooks and materials to the parents/guardians with instruction about how to finish the materials with the child/children at home.
- No meetings of parents, catechists, sponsors, etc. are to be held during this time.
- No retreats for youth Confirmation or First Eucharist are to be held.
- One or two weeks before the sacraments are to be celebrated with the children/youth the Parish Catechetical Leader will schedule a mandatory meeting with the candidates to make sure that they are prepared for the sacrament and how to receive the sacrament.

We will be supportive of this effort with regular updates and are available to respond to any questions or concerns you may have about the lessons. Your child’s instructor will provide you with contact information by phone or email.

Additional information is available on the County of San Mateo Health Department website at https://www.smchealth.org/coronavirus.

You will remain in our prayers and ask that you also keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

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