

GUIDANCE FOR PARISH FAITH FORMATION PROGRAMS

(Please Note: Due to the fluidity of the situation, this guidance may change.)

Please find important information below to assist you in leading your faith formation programs safely and effectively during these challenging times. All of this can also be found on our website under the tab: Guidance for 2021-2022 Faith Formation Programs (<https://nolacatholic.org/guidance-ff-programs>).

COVID-19 INFORMATION FOR 2021-2022

We are passing on to you the essential information you need regarding Covid-19 guidelines for 2021-2022, which we greatly encourage you to discuss with your pastor. This information is from the Louisiana Department of Health and the Louisiana Department of Education, and it is being implemented in our Catholic schools as well. Please click on the link, [Ready to Achieve 2021-2022: School Operational Guidance](#), which is continually being updated with the most recent requirements and protocols. As you read through the information, please NOTE WELL the following in the TABLE OF CONTENTS:

- Group Size, Spacing Recommendations, and Physical Standards
- Symptom Monitoring
- Environmental Cleaning and Personal Hygiene
- Additional Operating Considerations

COVID WAIVERS

[Parental/Guardian Consent - Covid Waiver](#)

[Adult – Covid Waiver](#)

SUPPORT FOR VIRTUAL LEARNING

While we plan (and hope) for onsite catechesis in our parishes, the past couple of years have taught us that we need to have alternative formats available if the need arises (including, if this is directly requested by the parents, who are the first formators of their children's faith).

Please find a number of virtual options listed below, which we would be happy to discuss further with you. Many have versions both for school and parish settings.

+ [Ignatius Press: Faith & Life](#) – Online through the MyCatholicFaithDelivered.com platform

+ [Catechismclass.com](#): online religious education for persons of all ages, Pre-K through Adult, including Scripture study, doctrine, and sacramental preparation

+ [Our Sunday Visitor: Alive in Christ \(OSVcurriculum.com\)](#) – Home-based, in English and Spanish, Family Gathered resources

+ [LOYOLA Press: *Christ Our Life – New Evangelization Edition* \(K-8\)](#)

+ [Sadlier Religion: *Christ In Us*](#) – has built-in models for school, parish and home

+ [RCL-Benziger: *Blest Are We and Be My Disciples*](#) – both English and Spanish are accessible online through a subscription through “*Flourish*” (online platform). If parish has subscription for *Flourish*, both *Blest Are We* and *Be My Disciples* can be used (K-8). High school program is **CREDO** (Veritas) and can be obtained through RCL-Benziger.

+ [Sophia Insitute: *Spirit of Truth*](#) – this is a completely-digital platform available via app or browser – not just a digitized book. Available in Parish and School Editions with models for parish/school and home.

Finally, as you are aware, our office staff has grown now that we are the Department of Catholic Education and Faith Formation. As a result, we have more expertise to draw from as we serve our parish faith formation endeavors. As you are planning and implementing your programs this year, please contact us so that we can get you connected with our “go-to” experts in Virtual Learning. Several webinars have already been produced that focus on how to most effectively use Virtual Teaching/Learning, either as a stand-alone format, or as part of a hybrid offering.

For additional assistance, please contact us anytime:

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