

Pastorate of St. Michael, Annunciation,
and St. Clement Churches
10 Willow Ave.
Baltimore, MD 21206

End of Summer, 2020

Dear Parents,

What a year! Masses have begun again after what seemed an eternity without them. We are just completing the First Communions and Confirmations from last year! Our school is opening in two weeks within house classes, so, I guess things are looking up.

In the past, this letter always took on a "what to do" for classes tone, but this year we are all a little hesitant with what to do. This year, we will offer two types of Faith Formation classes for your children...weekly limited classes on Sunday or Thursday and monthly Family gathered classes. We feel that if our school is opening for classes, we should try to do it too.

So, let's look at the possibilities ... classes on Sunday/Thursday will be limited in size according to the rooms used. At St. Michael's it will be no more than 10 children per class. At St. Clement those numbers will be different depending on the rooms used. The Sunday programs will not include Mass until the Archbishop says it can. However, you are invited to take your child to Mass after class if you want to.

We are also offering a once-a-month family faith formation program entitled **G.I.F.T.** (Growing In Faith Together). On the first Tuesday of each month we will gather from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm at Church of the Annunciation for a family-based program, some activities for the children and take-home lessons for the month.

Classes will begin the 1st full week of October. October 4th for Sunday classes, October 6th for G.I.F.T. and October 8th for Thursday classes. No matter the parish you belong to, you can choose the class that best fits your needs.

If conditions change, and the virus worsens, we will consider a virtual program if needed, but until that happens, I think our children will need a little time to be social.

Registrations returned with full payment by September 20th may deduct \$25.00 from the tuition fees. (see the scale on the back of the registration form) Partial payments or registrations after that date will have to pay the full amount.

Sacraments are a very important part of our Faith Development and please keep in mind that the diocese requires a year of faith formation prior to the year of reception of a sacrament. So, come back every year we have good ways to help your faith grow!

In His service,

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