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Dear Parents of PSR students,

I would first like to thank you for your patience as we navigate the start of the PSR year. It goes without saying that this year in person PSR will be different and comes with a whole new set of challenges.

We are committed to our students and we are hopeful that all grades will be able to remain in person this year. As many of you know, it has been a bit of a challenge recruiting Catechists and volunteers. On September 9<sup>th</sup>, we had our first Catechist/Teacher meeting and both Father Summers and myself left feeling inspired and grateful for the level of commitment our volunteers are giving to the PSR program. They had so many great ideas and are eager to teach your children! Our efforts in recruiting more volunteers has been successful and we have been able to fill a lot of our gaps in the last few weeks.

**However, we are still in need of more volunteers. Because of this, we have decided to delay the start of PSR until September 26<sup>th</sup>. This will allow us the time to fill the remaining gaps and the time to properly prepare the new teachers who have stepped in last minute.**

We believe that we need to return to the classroom for the benefit of our students and this will continue to remain the goal. To ensure this will happen we are still seeking volunteers in the follow areas:

- **Lead 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher**  
-responsible for lesson planning and classroom management
- **Teacher aids or Co-Teachers in Pre-K, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades.** (a teacher's aid assists the teacher with classroom management and other duties, a co teacher partners with a teacher to prepare lessons)
- **3 Permanent Subs**  
-duties include coming to PSR weekly and filling any voids for absent teachers. If a teacher cancels at the last minute, the sub will fill in. We will give as much advanced



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notice as possible in regards to teacher absences. If there is not a missing teacher that day the sub can assist with any tasks the PSR office will need for the day.

- **3 Adult Hall and Door Monitors**

- duties include monitoring doors and notifying PSR staff if any parents come to pick up a student early
- door monitors come to PSR every week PSR is in session
- helping ensure doors remain locked

Depending on how many of these roles we can fill we will determine whether certain grades will need to switch to in home learning. Regardless of which decision is made, sacramental preparation will remain in person. We are hopeful with your help we will not need to do this. There are a few boxes to check to be a volunteer, but is a fairly easy process. Please contact us if you would like to learn more.

I would like to note, with the exception of the need for an additional 3<sup>rd</sup> grade teacher and permanent subs, that we have the “bare bones” in place to run an in-person session with the adult volunteers we have. But this assumes that every teacher and adult will be there every Sunday without fail. With Covid and life circumstances we know this will not be the case. We need more adults to serve as subs as well additional support to the teachers we do have.

We will follow up with our progress on September 20<sup>th</sup> with further information and instructions for the start of PSR on September 26<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for your attention to this. Please pray for the success of our PSR program and know of our prayers for you and your families!

God Bless,  
Mrs. Michelle Shea  
Director of Religious Education