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Dear Parents,

First and foremost, I want to thank you for your patience and support during these last several months through a time that has been nothing short of trying and, at times, completely unknown to all of us. I am so pleased to announce that we will be able to bring back some sort of normalcy to your kids' lives by offering in-person Religious Education classes for the upcoming year. Albeit this year is still going to look a little different as PPE and proper sanitation will be required, but I am hopeful that we will still be able to bring your kids the quality care and faith formation that you have become accustomed to.

In addition to the safety protocols that will be in place, this year we will only be offering e-learning options for preschool and kindergarten classes to limit exposure for our littlest learners. While we will have to be prepared for grades 1-8 to go to e-learning at any point, we are hoping that we can remain in-person as long as possible. That being said if your child is ill, has been exposed to someone with Covid-19, or is in quarantine for any reason we ask that they stay home and your child's teacher will make arrangements to get all curriculum to your child to keep them on track. If for some reason extenuating circumstances make it difficult for your child to be in class on a regular basis, please reach out and we will do our best to make arrangements to continue your child's education at home.

This year we will also be taking an extended Thanksgiving/Christmas Break again to limit exposure during cold and flu season. We will be ending the Fall Semester November 29, 2020 and returning January 24, 2021. During this time we will move to in-home Family Faith Formation as it will coincide nicely with the Advent and Christmas Seasons and is a beautiful opportunity for families to reconnect and come together in preparation and thanksgiving surrounding the celebration of the birth of Christ.

Of course this year will look different than years past but please be patient with us and remember that we all have the same common goal- to provide your children with the foundations of their faith and bring them closer to Christ. As a parish and as a family I know that we can work together and make this year beautiful and memorable for the children of Saint Mary's but it will take commitment both at home and in the classroom. If you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to reach out! I am so excited to start this year and look forward to seeing lots of familiar faces, and new faces, soon.

God Bless,

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