



## St. Augustine Cathedral

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Dear Families,

St. Augustine Cathedral will have Religious Education Bilingual Program for elementary school age children Grades 1-5 for the school year 2020-2021. A schedule of classes for high school will be listed separately on our website. Classes will begin on Wednesday, October 7 for the English speaking from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm and on Thursday, October 8 for the Spanish speaking from 5:00 pm – 5:45 pm.

We will be offering classes for 1st year students for the exception of those who were part of our program last year. These students will be prepared for the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Reconciliation. If you have a child that attended Religious Education at another parish this past year, we will need a letter from that parish certifying that your child completed 1 full year of religious education. Sacramental preparation for all other students will be a 2-year requirement.

There are some important changes that you need to be aware of:

- **REGISTRATION** - We will **NOT** have in person registration this year due to COVID-19 restrictions for elementary and high school Religious Education classes. We will registration by telephone for those who do not have access to the internet. Registration will only be available **ONLINE** starting **September 1 - September 24, 2020**. The suggested donation for classes is \$80.00 per child. You can find the registration information on our Religious Education page located on the parish website at [cathedral-staugustine.org](http://cathedral-staugustine.org), You may return your registration and permission forms by mail (address on registration form) to the parish or email to [recathedral@diocesetucson.org](mailto:recathedral@diocesetucson.org). We will only be accepting payment in the form of check, debit, or credit card. ***If paying by check, you may mail your payment to the parish (address on registration form).***
- **BIRTH AND BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATES** will be required as part of the registration process. Please attach copies to the registration form. We will also accept scanned copies.
- **CLASS INSTRUCTION** - The catechists will teach via video on Zoom from the parish hall and each class will be for 45 minutes in both languages on Wednesdays and Thursdays. ***Email addresses will be required from each family so that we can assign each student an eBook.*** A meeting will be scheduled with the parents on October 21, 2020 to discuss the new format of the program.
- **FAMILY CATECHESIS** – I will be meeting with parents separately every other month virtually via Zoom. These meetings will most likely not be on Wednesdays or Thursdays. You will be notified of the first meeting by email.
- **IN PERSON INSTRUCTION:** We may return to in person classroom instruction in January 2021; however, we are prepared to provide online instruction for the entire year.

If you have any questions, you may contact Liz Aguallo the Religious Education Coordinator by email at [recathedral@diocesetucson.org](mailto:recathedral@diocesetucson.org) or by phone at 520-623-6351 and she will contact you within 24 hours.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Alan Valencia  
Pastor