

## St. Joseph High School PSR/CCD 2017-2018

*The mission of the religious education catechist program is to encourage our youth to form an intimate relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church through faith formation and living knowledge, so that they may carry out Christ's mission of living in love and mercy.*

Dear High School Students and Parents:

Welcome to the 2017-18 Religious Education Year! The goals of our program are rooted in the mission statement which is stated at the top of this letter. The high school religious education team is composed of Diane Flores, Suzanne Massman, Kim Temmen, Janice Wieberg and Angela Stuecken.

Throughout this year, communication is important. Parents **must** use the CCD e-mail account, as the office needs to keep verification of all communication. All communication must be directed through the e-mail account:

[StJoeWestphaliaCCD@yahoo.com](mailto:StJoeWestphaliaCCD@yahoo.com)

### **Students will be expected to follow the following rules of classroom etiquette:**

- A) Arrive on time to class on your own. Do not wait for an adult to summon you to class.
- B) Cell phones are to be silent and out of sight at all times in the classroom.
- C) Generally, bathroom breaks will not be given during class. (Students tend to text during bathroom breaks.)
- D) Food is not allowed in the classroom.
- E) Water may be brought to class, but it must be in a clear, drink-sized container.
- F) Modest and clean dress is expected. Shoes must be worn at all times during class and free from excessive mud and dirt. (Same dress code as Fatima High School)

### **Attendance:**

In order for a student to benefit from the CCD program, consistent attendance is necessary. In the event that a student misses 2 classes, excused or not, Father Viviano will be contacted regarding the student's absences. He will confer with the student and his/her family. In the event that a student will need to be absent from class, parents need to contact the program at the e-mail address above. Parents will be contacted by phone if they have not e-mailed the office prior to 6:00 pm.

### **Forms:**

Included with this packet are forms that are needed by the office. Please fill these out and return this evening. If extra forms are needed, they may be obtained by going to the St. Joseph Parish website (Found under "organizations" on the church section).

### **Contribution:**

Each family is asked to donate a minimum of \$20.00 to cover the costs of the program. This money is used to purchase teaching resources, Confirmation supplies (student Bibles, sponsor booklets, etc.), service projects and partial funding of parish youth sponsored activities. Please use the attached envelope for the donation. It may be placed in the basket on the welcoming table or in the collection basket.

**Calendar:**

As well as forms for the office, the calendar for this school year is enclosed. The high school students will meet from 6:30 -8:00 on the Wednesdays stated in the calendar. The question will surely arise as to why there is so much more class time this year. The catechists feel that more time is needed to cover the topics and Father suggested meeting for 25-30 hours. As Catholics respect the wisdom of the Church on theological issues, we as a religious education team respect Father's wisdom and guidance.

**Curriculum:**

The catechists will focus on the following goals for this year: 1. To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today. 2. To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission and work of the Catholic faith community. 3. To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

\* The juniors will take the ACRE assessment in the spring of the year.

**Volunteers:**

Volunteers are needed for several aspects of the program. Please sign up on the welcoming table - located by the ice-cream table.

May Christ's love shine through all of us as we begin this year!

Fr. Viviano  
Diane Flores  
Suzanne Massman  
Kim Temmen  
Janice Wieberg  
Angela Stuecken