

St Raymond De Penafort

“Welcome. Love. Serve.”

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Dear Religious Education and Sacramental Parents:

It is with great sadness that I announce two departures from the Formation Team at St. Raymond Parish. Cheryl Haluczak, Coordinator of Religious Education and Sacramental Preparation for Children, has made the tough decision to leave ministry for an alternate career path. I am thankful for the energy and creativity that Cheryl brought to the formation of children and families of this parish. Additionally, Tina Kneisel, Formation Ministry Assistant, is retiring after spending many years working alongside Cheryl in ministry. I am grateful for her insights on our parish families. They both are dedicated missionary disciples and I ask that we keep them in our prayers as they find new ways to share Christ's love.

The entire staff looks at this time of transition as an opportunity to build upon the foundation of the parish Religious Education program. I know that these last 18 months in a pandemic have been especially hard on our families. We are thankful you continue to engage your children in our Catholic faith – remembering that “Jesus Christ loves you; he gave his life to save you; and now he is living at your side every day to enlighten, strengthen and free you.” (Pope Francis, *Evangelii Gaudium* p.164)

We are blessed to have Diana Arizmendi and Sharon Moeykens on staff to assist during this transition. Their previous experience in Religious Education and pastoral leadership, along with organizational and communication skills, are assets as we continue our Religious Education programming. I am confident that the two of them will collaborate and offer the support needed to both catechists and families during this interim.

As we forge ahead in religious education programming, please continue to follow the current grade level syllabus for either home study or on-line / in-person sessions, whichever your child(ren) is currently registered. Additionally, all sacramental preparation meetings will continue as scheduled. To better assist the catechists and families, please reach out to the following staff member if you have any questions or need further assistance:

Grades 1-5 including sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Sharon Moeykens, Director of Engagement & Development, s.moeykens@st-raymond.org

Grades 6-8 including the sacrament of Confirmation

Diana Arizmendi, Coordinator of Youth Ministry and Young Adults, d.arizmendi@st-raymond.org

Any questions regarding FACTS and religious education fees for 2021-2022, please contact Mary Siefke, Accounts Payable, at m.siefke@st-raymond.org or 847-253-8600.

The staff looks forward to serving you as we actively begin our search for two staff positions within Formation. I am grateful to our families for your continued support and active participation in religious education at St. Raymond parish. In this time of transition, let us stay united in Christ's love through prayer for the staff and community.

Peace Be with You,



Fr. Scott Hebden, Pastor