



# BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH

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Dear Parents and Students,

Thank you for registering for the 2020-2021 CCD religious education program. We would like to welcome our new families and express our thanks to all parents for their support and participation during the 2019-2020 CCD religious education year. Because of your help at home, our efforts in the classroom are much more successful and volunteer support in the classroom has proven to be extremely helpful. We would like to encourage parents to consider being part of another successful CCD religious education year by volunteering your time and talents in the classroom. Helping the children to learn their prayers is not only helpful but also very rewarding. Please talk with your child's instructor(s) to see how you can help.

Attendance is very important for all grades. If your child is going to be absent please contact your child's instructor or CCD Coordinators **PRIOR** to class. The diocese requires students attending CCD classes to complete 40 hours of instruction per year. Because of this requirement students need to be in attendance weekly and with that in mind, after three absences, parents will be contacted by Father Morin. Students will be responsible for completing assignment(s) from classes missed. The responsibility of a child's religious education lies primarily with the parent(s). Children learn their prayers best when parents practice with them at home on a regular basis. We also rely on you to ensure they complete their homework assignments.

The first day of class will be **August 19, 2020**. **CCD INSTRUCTION WILL BEGIN AT 6:30 p.m. AND WILL END AT 8:00 p.m.** Parents and students will meet in the gym the first night of classes. Please use the main door by the gym to enter and exit the school. For the safety of your children, and to prevent unnecessary congestion in front of the church, parents are asked to utilize the east parking lot when dropping off and picking up children attending CCD/CGS classes.

It is mandatory that children in grades 1 through 4 be dropped off, and then picked up, at their classroom by a parent, legal guardian or family member who is at least 16 years of age. On the nights there is Mass, please walk over to the church and escort your child(ren) to your vehicle. **Please do not ask any instructors to deviate from this policy.** The safety of the children is paramount and thus there will be no exceptions. Questions regarding this policy are to be addressed directly to Father Morin.

There may be times when inclement weather, such as snow, may create unfavorable driving conditions. If the Lincoln Public School system cancels school on a scheduled CCD/CGS class night, there will be no CCD/CGS classes that evening.

## **Please talk as a family about the following issues:**

- Students need to be on their best behavior in class, this is an expectation. If there are any problems with a child's behavior parents will be contacted by Father Morin.
- No food, snacks or drinks are permitted in any of the class rooms.
- Personal listening devices, discs, tapes, cell phones or other electronic communication devices are not allowed to be used during CCD. Items will be confiscated and returned to parents.

- Make sure homework is completed, as the CCD teachers will check this.
- Report cards are handed out two times during the year. They need to be signed by a parent/guardian and sent back the following week.
- Temperatures may remain warm for the first few weeks of CCD. We encourage parents to stress the importance of dressing modestly not only on scheduled Mass nights but for all CCD classes as well. As Christians we have a duty to dress modestly for our sakes and for the sake of others around us.

### **COVID-19 Diocesan CCD Policy**

1. *Masks* - Masks are not required (unless mandated by local health authorities) but may be worn if desired. **NOTE: Currently there is a mask mandate in place until Aug 31, 2020, thus we ask you to ensure that your student(s) arrive to CCD classes wearing a mask.** Of course this may look different after Aug 31 so if the local mandate is allowed to expire, masks would not be required but may be worn if desired. We will have masks available if a student would forget theirs at home but we ask your cooperation in making sure your students have a mask each week.

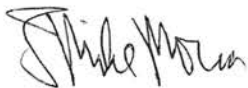
2. *Sanitization* - Classrooms need to be sanitized after each CCD session with cleaning supplies. We are asking each family to donate one (1) canister of disinfecting wipes to offset the costs of these. Sanitizing wipes that kill 99.9% of viruses and bacteria, such as Clorox or Lysol brands are preferred. Please bring your donation on the first night of CCD.

3. *Physical Distancing* – In addition to basic hygiene and respect for personal space, the CCD classrooms will observe physical distancing. Configuration of student desks as they are set up for the school will be applied.

We are including a copy of the **COVID-19 Diocesan CCD Policy**, in its entirety, and ask that you familiarize yourself with all the policies.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Father Morin at 474-4249 or Sheri King at 402-580-9986.

God bless you,



Rev. Michael Morin, V.F.  
Pastor

Yours In Christ,



Sheri King  
CCD Coordinator



In collaboration with the Diocesan Education Office and in connection with the CDC and local Health Department recommendations, CCD will proceed with 100% capacity for this coming 2020-21 school year. This means that, at the current juncture, CCD should proceed as normal in each parish but with the following *precautionary measures* and in view of a number of *contingency measures* outlined in this policy.

### Precautionary Measures

The basic precautions for CCD in our current COVID-19 pandemic are:

1. *Self-Monitoring* – Parents of CCD students should ensure that their children perform a simple self-monitoring assessment for symptoms before coming to CCD. Likewise, CCD teachers should perform the same self-assessment before teaching at CCD. In cases where COVID-19 symptoms or “close contact” are identified that student or teacher should not attend CCD. Included with this policy is a generic “COVID-19 Daily Self-Assessment” poster that can be used and freely distributed.
2. *Sanitization* – At this time, classrooms need to be sanitized after each CCD session with cleaning supplies provided by the parish or Catholic school. Parishes with schools should coordinate with custodial staff to ensure CCD classrooms are sanitized after the school day ends and before CCD begins.
3. *Physical Distancing* – In addition to basic hygiene and respect for personal space, the CCD classroom should observe physical distancing by avoiding the configuration of student desks into clusters and opt for a grid configuration as space and facility limitations allow. Likewise, the CCD classroom should observe the distancing requirements identified in the policies of the Catholic school if that school shares premises with CCD. However, additional physical distancing measures as well as whether to have group events with the entire CCD program, e.g. Adoration, Mass, etc., which observe some physical distancing, are at the pastor’s discretion.
4. *Masks* - Masks are not required (unless mandated by local health authorities) but may be worn if desired.

### Contingency Measures

The following contingency measures account for three situations: (1) a new local or statewide COVID-19 outbreak; (2) a confirmed COVID-19 case in CCD; (3) CCD teachers or students who are at higher risk for severe illness.

1. *New Local or Statewide COVID-19 Outbreak* – If a further outbreak occurs, a CCD program should follow the guidance of the CDC and Health Department in the same way as your local Catholic school. In the event that in-person classes are suspended, CCD will move to a digital format in one of two ways according to the local situation and resources:
  - i. *Parental Instruction at Home* – In order to help parents with the religious education of their children at home, here are three comprehensive resources for 1-8<sup>th</sup> grade:
    - Succinct Curricular Points (free) - [www.lincolndiocese.org/curriculum-requirements/parish-ccd](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/curriculum-requirements/parish-ccd)
    - Lessons, PowerPoints, Activities, and Videos for every week and grade (free) - [www.lincolndiocese.org/parish-ccd/all](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/parish-ccd/all)
    - Online Elementary Catechesis Webinars (paid) - [1drv.ms/u/s!Ahp\\_dWNRETjwiRaMYWZEqbvRrlm4?e=pRv6RM](https://1drv.ms/u/s!Ahp_dWNRETjwiRaMYWZEqbvRrlm4?e=pRv6RM)
  - ii. *CCD Teacher Instruction through Video-conferencing* – This option is ideal when both the CCD teacher and CCD students are comfortable with and have access to video-conferencing technology. In this case the most effective resources are:
    - Zoom - [zoom.us/freesignup/](https://zoom.us/freesignup/)
    - Lessons, PowerPoints, Activities, and Videos for every week and grade (free) - [www.lincolndiocese.org/parish-ccd/all](http://www.lincolndiocese.org/parish-ccd/all)
2. *Confirmed COVID-19 case in CCD* - In the event that a CCD student or teacher has a confirmed case of COVID-19, the parents of students in that person’s class should be notified that someone (without specifying who) in that class has a positive case so that they can self-monitor and decide if they wish to quarantine or get tested, but

class should otherwise continue as normal for the other students and, as the case may be, with a substitute teacher, if possible. The rationale for this measure to continue class is that CCD meets once a week and according to the CDC, the median time for symptoms to appear is four to five days (<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-guidance-management-patients.html>, cf. Incubation Period). Similarly, the purpose of observing physical distancing is to avoid “close contact” and thus avoid direct exposure. In the event that there are two confirmed cases in a single classroom, that class should follow the contingency measures outlined in 1.i. or 1.ii. according to the situation, but the other classes in the CCD program should continue as normal. Additional communications and measures regarding a confirmed COVID-19 case is at the prudential judgment of the pastor and in dialogue with the local Catholic school administration if that school shares premises with CCD.

3. *CCD teachers or students who are at higher risk for severe illness* – In cases where a CCD teacher or the parents of CCD students are uncomfortable with the CCD environment because the teacher or student is at higher risk for severe illness or has a higher potential for exposing someone else at higher risk for severe illness please follow the contingencies outlined in 1.i. or 1.ii. according to the situation.

Finally, this policy can be analogously applied to Highschool CCD/God-teens/CYO according to the situation and at the discretion of the pastor. Likewise, the specific ways in which this policy is realized is also at the pastor’s discretion. This policy may change according to unforeseen circumstances or new diocesan or state guidelines.



# COVID-19 DAILY SELF-ASSESSMENT

All employees, contractors, or other visitors should perform this daily.

**START**

**YES**

## 1 Do you have COVID-19 symptoms?

- Cough (dry)
  - Difficulty breathing/Shortness of breath
- Or at least two of the following symptoms:
- Fever (100.4°F or greater)
  - Chills
  - Repeated shaking with chills
  - Muscle pain
  - Headache
  - Sore throat
  - New loss of taste or smell

[See [CDC.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus) for further information]

**NO**

## 2 Any "close contact" within the last 14 days with someone confirmed or suspected to have COVID-19?

Per CDC guidance, close contact is defined as (a) being within approximately 6 feet (2 meters) of a COVID-19 case for more than 1-2 minutes, or (b) having direct contact with the infectious secretions of a COVID-19 case (e.g., being coughed on)

**YES**

**NO**



**Employees:** By entering into the facility, you acknowledge that you have completed this self-assessment and have answered NO to both questions.



**Do Not Enter the Facility**

### Guidance if you answered YES to either question

If you are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms:

- Seek medical attention, and
- Do not return to the facility until (a) at least 3 days (72 hours) have passed since resolution of any fever without the use of fever-reducing medications and improvement of respiratory symptoms and (b) at least 7 days have passed since symptoms first appeared.

If you have had "close contact" in the last 14 days with someone diagnosed with COVID-19, please do not return to the facility for at least 14 days following your most recent close contact.

If, based on this self-assessment, it is not appropriate for you to enter the site, please contact your supervisor if you are an employee. Non-employees should communicate with their site contact.