



St. Francis Borgia Religious Education

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Dear Families,

I sincerely pray that this email finds you and all of your loved ones in good health. Please kindly respond to this email to confirm you've received this important message. I will be following up with phone calls for those who do not respond. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

I have received several emails inquiring about our scheduled dates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation Retreat, Confirmation. I've individually responded to each but thought it would be best to address all students at this time.

Unfortunately, days became weeks and the weeks have turned into a month and now we are unsure of the next government decision in regards to large group gatherings. This pandemic is affecting all of us greatly, but we are in this together. We must do our part to protect the most vulnerable and act responsibly through the social distancing guidelines given to us. Although we can't physically be with each other in class, we can still be connected through prayer!

The dates for our Sacraments, as well as the rest of our scheduled classes are being suspended at this time due to the pandemic and the safety measures that we have been asked to abide by. These measures are for the protection of all. The new dates are contingent on many different factors. At the moment, we do not know when the public celebration of Masses will resume. I will continue to keep everyone informed as updates are available.

We will reschedule First Reconciliation, First Communion, Confirmation Retreat and Confirmation. Gowns and gifts have already been purchased and received and are in my office. We are simply just waiting to reschedule these sacramental dates. Cindy at INSPIR3D Photography will still be capturing the event once rescheduled. If you've already turned in your forms and fees, rest assure you will be covered.

All students should still continue reading their workbooks according to the curriculum grids that were received in the beginning of the year. I ask each parent or loved one to help each child in growing their love for the Lord by praying together. I am with you spiritually through prayer... we must continue to pray for each other in this time of great need. Most importantly, please take time to pray the rosary with your child. This is the perfect opportunity to grow in faith yourself and bond with your child.

Students preparing to receive the Sacraments... please continue to ready yourselves for the general requirements. We are still missing Confirmation documents from a number of our students. Please mail those originals in a.s.a.p. to my attention or drop them in the school or parish mailbox in an envelope addressed to me.

While we are faced with moments of apprehension, frustration and inconveniences big and small, we must remember that we are blessed and loved by God. Jesus will never let us down, He is always with us, especially in the darkest of times. He is our light; have faith that He can guide us out of this most uncertain of times. Let us remain joined in prayer, loving the Lord and one another.

I encourage you to participate as a family and watch mass via different media outlets. We have been recording and live-streaming messages and masses from St. Francis Borgia. Here is the link to the YouTube Channel of all of our videos. Please subscribe to the channel and hit the bell to receive alerts for any new videos.

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC_jaJ_-iqiA4HkuCHd1hhYQ

Thank you for your patience and understanding. Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions. Email me at sfbreligiousoffice@gmail.com

Yours with an open heart,

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Director of Religious Education

