

Dear parents and students,

I would like to thank you for participating in the Catechetical Sunday ceremony last Sunday I always thank God for your efforts in bringing children to Jesus our source of love and mercy. As always, I keep you in my daily prayers.

The first class last Saturday was incredibly challenging and stressful for most of us, despite the planning and all the preparation. The ZOOM connection was broken a few times and placing students in each room took longer than expected. I contacted the Archdiocesan IT department asking them to assist us and to come up with any solutions. They said there is nothing they could do for us. They cannot give us more accounts, so teachers cannot use the infrastructure provided by the Archdiocese TEAM platform for communication with students. Looking at all requirements and limited support, Fr. Matt and I decided to make some changes to our program.

We will not do ZOOM meetings anymore, instead we will put resources/short lesson plans on St. Priscilla Website, starting Oct 3.

Here are the modifications:

Hybrid: Catechists will continue to have one class a month in person, that is in school, according to the provided schedule.

For the other classes we will provide resources on the website for students to use at home. We will not have any more classes on ZOOM.

Every Saturday during class times, our program offers full support from teachers who will be in the building. That means, students can meet with teachers to receive further guidelines, explanation, or spiritual support.

Fully Remote program should use the resources provided on the Website, every month (the day before in- person class), contact the teacher, and submit all the work.

Students (Hybrid, Remote, and Homeschool) in every Sacramental class: Confirmation and First Holy Communion must meet in person at least once a month with the teacher to review material that they have studied.

Homeschool: no changes

Parents can contact the teachers via email anytime at aharmata@archchicago.org.

These are the necessary modifications, if any families want to withdraw, they will receive a full refund. Please contact our office.

I hope you understand the necessity of the steps we have had to take. Please keep in your mind and heart that our children need to meet God, get to know Him, love Him, serve Him and then be with him forever. This is a part of our baptismal promise. So, with joyful hearts let us walk together to make this happen.

God bless, Anna Harmata, CRE

If you did not register your child, you can do so by the end of September.