



December 11, 2020

Dear Religious Education Families,

On Thursday, Dec. 10, Gov. Tom Wolf announced additional, temporary, mitigation efforts to address the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. One of these efforts is the limitation of indoor gatherings to 10 people between Saturday, Dec. 12 and January 4, 2021. Under the current guidelines, Religious Education is considered a program and as such, it does not enjoy the same exemption from this limitation that our Catholic Schools and Masses do.

We understand that during this time of year, many of our Religious Education programs are on break for the Christmas holiday or are continuing to meet virtually. However, those planning to hold classes' in-person may still do so, as long as no more than 10 people are in the classroom (including the catechist(s)) and all other Diocesan COVID mitigation efforts are followed. Please contact your local Director/Coordinator of Religious Education for more details on how classes will proceed for your parish during this time.

We continue to put the safety of our youth, families, staff, volunteers and clergy first and we thank you for your continued diligence in following the Diocesan, state, and federal COVID-19 guidelines. As a reminder, we continue to ask that anyone who is ill, please do not attend Religious Education classes or Mass.

We continue to pray for your good health, for the health of all those impacted by this virus, and for an end to the pandemic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Ronald W. Gainer" with a small cross symbol to the left of the name.

Most Reverend Ronald W. Gainer
Bishop of Harrisburg