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Dear Parents/Guardians,

First, let me say I hope you and your family are safe and healthy. I know there has been a great deal of adjusting to the “new normal”. Dining room tables have taken on many uses in the last few weeks as we need space for “working” from home and in home “classrooms”. These have been drastic changes and challenges for the children, parents, and families. These drastic changes have also created some positives: sharing a meal together, playing a game as a family, and starting interesting discussions at the dinner table.

Seven weeks ago was our last Wednesday of in class session. To keep the continuity of faith learning, I have been posting resources (in Option C emails) to support faith learning at home. Use these resources to review, practice prayers, and share what is going on during this time in the church season. These resources along with your child’s workbook will keep them current with their grade and prepared to move ahead in the Fall.

Our time together in March ended abruptly. At that time, we were planning many special church events for Easter, practicing with the second grade for their Sacraments, working on the “Pray it Forward” project with 4th through 7th grade, scheduling the Award Ceremony for the end of the year, preparing for the Confirmation retreat with the 7th grade, and re-registration for the Fall. Although these special events have been put on hold temporarily we are still making plans for these to take place at a later date.

I encourage and invite you to join us each Sunday for 11:00 am Mass on St. Bernard Facebook. You **do not** have to be on Facebook to watch the Mass. We are blessed to pray together and attend Mass via live video on the church Facebook page. In addition, there are two weekly Masses on Wednesday and Friday mornings at 11:00 am. Thank you Msgr. Grimaldi, Fr. Mike, Deacons Frank and Chris for their spiritual leadership and helping to guide us through these challenging times

Please check the church bulletin which can be found online at St. Bernard Church website for Faith Formation News. You will find a registration form for the School of 2020-2021. I want to reassure you that come this Fall we will have a Faith Formation program in place for all students. At this time, we are unsure of the format or start date, but as soon as we have more information, it will be shared with

you. For the safety and wellbeing of all students and families, we will follow the guidelines of the State and Diocese as they announce their plans for school openings.

I am extremely appreciative to the School of Religion families, catechists, staff, and clergy for their positivity and resilience during these trying times. I want to express my appreciation to the Knights of Columbus, Gourmet Grill, Dolce Vita, and Il Posto for their help with our “Pray it Forward” outreach project. A huge debt of gratitude also goes to all doctors, nurses, hospital employees, first responders, store employees, sanitation workers, transit workers, custodial staff, teachers, small businesses, and our state leaders for all they are doing to keep us safe and healthy, and keep our city going.

If there is anything that I, the staff, teachers, or clergy could do for you or your family please feel free to contact the office 718-763-5533.

Stay safe,

Mrs. Melissa Wagner

Director of Faith Formation