Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year of Religious Education at Our Lady of Good Help/St. Theresa's Parish and St. Patrick's. Our catechists look forward to working with you and your children.

Contact Information:

- You can contact us at any time through the interparish office at 401-568-8280
- Email Mrs. Linh Tran for grades 1-6 at lintrn23611@gmail.com
- Email Mr. Dennis Auger for grades 7-9 at dennisauger@charter.net

Registration & Attendance:

- All students should be registered before the first class. See our website at www.burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education for registration forms.
- If your student will be absent, please notify the teacher by phone or email at least one hour before class.
- Excessive unexcused absences may require a student to repeat the level before advancing. More than 7 absences may result in repeating the level; Grades 2 and 9 may have a stricter attendance requirements.
- Please encourage your child to take Religious Education seriously, do their best, and show respect for themselves, their classmates, and their teachers.

Class Schedule:

- First Classes- Sunday, October 4th and Monday, October 5th
- Grades 1–6: Sundays, Our Lady of Good Help School 9:15–10:15 a.m.
- Grades 7–9: Mondays, St. Theresa's Church 6:00–7:00 p.m.
- Download the full class schedule online at burrillvillecatholic.org/religious-education

Sunday Mass Attendance:

- Mass begins at 10:30 a.m. Teachers will go to church after class. First Communion and Confirmation students are asked to sign the attendance sheet at the church entrance. Attendance will be checked weekly.
- This year, we strongly encourage all students to attend Sunday Mass regularly. Practicing our faith is just as important as learning about it.
- Ms. Linh (4th Grade teacher) would like to offer students the opportunity to attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday Mass at OLGH. She will bring any

student who would like to attend Mass directly from class and will sit with them throughout the Mass. If your child would like to attend, please sign their name on the sign-up sheet on Ms. Linh's door. She will make sure to sign each student out after Mass.

- The students will be seated in the first three rows on the right side of the church. Parents may pick up their children at the end of Mass, around 11:30 a.m. As a special incentive, students who attend Mass will receive raffle tickets for a chance to win prizes at the end-of-year celebration!

<u>Important reminders for the new school year:</u>

- Student Progress: Students are expected to study and pass the tests given in class. Please inform your teacher in advance if your student has specific educational or behavioral needs so we can best support your child. You may also email Ms. Linh at linhtrn23611@gmail.com.
- Parent Involvement: Parents are encouraged to meet their child's teacher at the beginning of the year. We will also need parent volunteers. If you are available to help with your child's class, please see Linh or Fr. Jose.
- Parking Lot Safety: Please drive slowly and carefully during drop-off and pick-up times. Many children are walking through the parking lot, and their safety is our priority.
- Snow Cancellations: If the Town of Burrillville cancels school, Religious Education is automatically canceled. Please use your own discretion to assess road conditions.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's faith formation.

Sincerely,

Religious Education Team