DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REPORT

October 2023

CORRESPONDENCE

Keeping parishioners connected to the Church, wrote and mailed 19 letters as follow-up during the 1st five years after Baptism; 11 remembrance letters on the one-year anniversary following deaths; 8 letters to parishioners celebrating landmark wedding anniversaries.

OCIA

* Prepared for and held 108 meetings with our five candidates and 1 catechumen.
* Prepared service for candidate joining the church. He was confirmed and received First Eucharist on October 29th.
* Preparing sessions for year round OCIA that would be open to anyone wanting to know more about their faith.

BIBLE STUDY

* Our Bible Study, Lection Mary, has ended. Participants chose another bible study by Dr. Pitre to begin in January.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

* Stared religious education classes in both St. Paul and West Point. We have a total of 45 students.
* Gave the teachers forms to pass out to students who are old enough to serve Mass. Parents are to fill them out so server training can begin.
* Working on a booklet about the Mass for students.
* Moved the First Reconciliation meeting for parents and children to November 15th since HTC played volleyball the evening it was scheduled.
* Made more prayer books for new teachers and students.

CMG

* Have contacted several people to update their background checks and acceptance of policies but having some problems getting them to work. Have calls to the diocese for help but they are swamped.
* All religious education teachers are current on CMG.

BAPTISM

* Asking sponsors to attend with the parents to also watch a video about what it really means to be a godparent.
* Held two baptism prep classes for parents and godparents.
* Held a baptism class for two young children who will be baptized soon.

OTHER

* Worked on presenting Formed to all the parishes.
* Gave list to Rebecca of all anniversaries and birthdays for the month of November for the combined bulletin.
* Wrote a weekly insert for the bulletin on what is happening in religious education.
* Contacted Eucharistic Ministers to the homebound and gave them the prayer service we are now using. They also let me know who they have seen and when for a year-end report that Fr. Dan asked for.
* Started work on creating a handbook for Homebound ministers with a handout for the homebound,
* Sacristan for 2 funerals.
* Attended a 2 hour staff meeting
* Ordered scapulars, medals, advent wreaths, advent candles, holy water fonts and bottles.
* Helped set up for All Souls in St. Paul.
* Sold raffle tickets at St. James God’s Acre Sale.
* Sold raffle tickets at St. Mary’s Fall Festival.

Respectfully submitted,

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