

ST. JOHN PAUL II SCIOTO CATHOLIC PARISH



Dear Parents and Guardians,

I pray this message finds you and your family well and enjoying a peaceful and grace-filled summer.

As we prepare for the new year of faith formation, I'd like to share some important updates regarding our Parish School of Religion (PSR) program.

Beginning this fall, PSR will move from the St. Peter campus to the Holy Redeemer Activity Center. This decision comes after careful consideration and is aimed at better serving the entire parish community. Holy Redeemer is centrally located, approximately 15 minutes from both the St. Peter and Holy Trinity campuses, offering a convenient midpoint for families from all parts of our parish.

To provide greater flexibility and accommodate family schedules, PSR will now be offered on both Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons at 4:00 PM. Offering classes midweek also ensures that families remain free to attend Sunday Mass at the parish campus of their choice, preserving the unity and diversity of our parish worship life.

While Holy Redeemer does not have traditional classrooms, the Activity Center provides large, open, and flexible spaces ideal for catechesis and community-building. We are especially excited to continue offering Catechesis of the Good Shepherd for our youngest learners in a dedicated Atrium space—a peaceful, hands-on environment designed to help children grow in their relationship with Christ.

I also want to share that we are currently reviewing our Confirmation preparation program in light of ongoing planning from the Diocese of Columbus, which has announced its intention to lower the age of Confirmation to 4th grade. This transition will be phased in over the next four years, and we are working closely with diocesan leadership to adjust our parish program accordingly. Families will be kept informed about what this means for each age group as the changes are implemented.

We are deeply grateful to the St. Peter campus for its many years of generous support and hospitality, and we look forward to continuing the mission of faith formation at Holy Redeemer with the same spirit of dedication and joy.

More information about registration, program structure, and volunteer opportunities will be available in the coming weeks. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to contact psr@sciotocatholic.org.

Thank you for your continued commitment to your child's spiritual growth and to the life of our parish. It is a joy and a privilege to accompany your family on this journey of faith.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Fr. Stephen M. Smith'.

Fr. Stephen Smith

Pastor

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