



July 16, 2026

Dear Parents,

On behalf of Fr. Paul, I would like to welcome you and your family to a new year of Faith Formation at Precious Blood of Christ Parish! As many of you know, I will be retiring from my role as Director of Religious Education after many years of serving our parish community. It has been a true blessing to accompany your children and families on their faith journey, and I will always cherish the relationships and memories we have shared. While leaving Fr. Paul, Fr. West and the Parish staff is difficult to do after 25 wonderful years, I'm delighted to introduce you to our new Director of Religious Education, Sophia Murphy. Please see her letter, enclosed with this packet, introducing herself to you and look for her at the Open House!

The new school year will begin with an Open House in the PLC at 9:15 am on Sunday, August 16 for all parents and students in grades K4 through grade 5, *and* grades 6 & 7, our Confirmation pre-prep. Join Fr. Paul and Blake Joseph, our new Director of Youth Ministry and Confirmation catechist, to meet all the catechists and learn more about the Religious Education program.

The Calendar for the 2026-27 Religious Education school year and a registration form are enclosed. All classes will meet in the Parish Life Center.

There is a class Mass scheduled each month. Every child will have a part in the liturgy for their class Mass. On these dates, all students in grades 1-5 will go directly from class with their teachers to the church to attend 10:30 Mass with their class. Parents are invited to sit in the pews behind those reserved for students.

PBOC is committed to ensuring a safe environment for our children. As required by the Diocese of Charleston, we will present an abuse prevention program entitled *The Safety Program* to all students on Sunday, September 13 during religious education classes. If you **do not** want your child to participate, please complete the enclosed opt-out form and return it at the Open House. For more information about this program, please go to virtus.org and see the program overview.

Look for Religious Education news each week in the PBOC bulletin and on our website at pbocchurch.com. We are privileged to support you in teaching your children more about their Catholic faith and are looking forward to accompanying them in growing together in our knowledge and love of God, deepening our understanding of our faith, and strengthening our relationship with Jesus.

Sincerely,

Maureen Arneman