

## Parent Overview for Family Centered 2020

Thank you for cooperating during this difficult time. We greatly appreciate what all of our families are doing to maintain their faith! Below is an overview of how our virtual learning will be conducted.

### New Format for the Family Centered Program

The format for the Family Centered model has changed to accommodate the remote learning model. The adult and student sessions will no longer be concurrent so as to accommodate the availability of family devices and scheduling times of classes via Zoom.

Each month the adult and student Zoom sessions will occur on *different Sundays*. Adults will have their session on one Sunday, then the students will have their session the following Sunday. Families are to attend the 10:30am Mass on the following Sunday after the student sessions, whether it's in person or through the livestream.

Each month will follow a particular theme for both adults and students. The adult session will give an adult-level understanding of the theme which will help them to guide their children with their classwork. Student's will have assignments corresponding to their grade-level to work on throughout the month. **Find the Calendar of dates [here](#).**

### **FOR ADULTS:**

#### **Expectations:**

- Adults are to attend the Zoom session from 9:00am to approximately 10:15am.
- Adults are to use a display name that is their Family's name, for example "Smith Family." If any of your children have a different last name put a \* at the end, for example "Smith Family\*"
- Please have the camera on and the mic off, unless otherwise specified.
- Attendance is taken by typing "Here" in the Chat section. **Missing a Zoom session is equivalent to missing a class, as such only 1 absence is permitted to maintain enrollment in the program.**
- The session will consist of presenters and videos on the specific themes outlined for the month.

### **FOR STUDENTS**

- The two websites being used are **The Catholic Brain** and **Our Sunday Visitor** - *the publisher of our textbooks*. We are still using the **Alive In Christ** series that the students are already familiar with.
- The students have lessons that follow a general format every month. Assignments are due by the indicated date on each lesson plan.

## What the Students Will Need:

-Access to **The Catholic Brain Website**

\*The *CatholicBrain Connect* app can also be used to view lessons and access their classrooms.

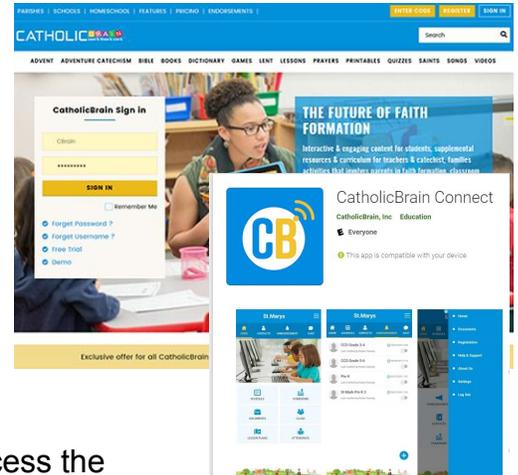
-Zoom app downloaded onto a device

-A PDF document writer web-browser extension

\*Such as DocHub, Kami, Google's PDF editor, etc.

-Access to an email address (for submitting work)

-Notebook to write reflections



## What is the Catholic Brain?

-The **Catholic Brain** is a [website](#) the students will use to access the lessons.

- “**CatholicBrain Connect**” is an app in which the lesson plans and class information can also be accessed on an iPad or mobile device. \**Notifications of announcements or events will keep you updated on special sessions and program information.*

-When students have videos to watch on the site, they will complete certain tasks such as a quiz, fill-in, or name match activity. **Students need to be logged in to access the videos and activities.** *Their results are associated with their account and students can see what they have completed-the activities assigned count as grades for the class.*

## Student Expectations - Overview:

-Students need to sign into **Catholic Brain** to view the plan and access links.

-Attendance is taken during Zoom meetings. *Please be on time and ready to participate.*

Attendance is taken by typing “Here” in the Chat section. Missing a Zoom session is equivalent to missing a class, as such only 1 absence is permitted to maintain enrollment in the program.

-Classwork is to be completed and handed-in by the date on the lesson plan.

## Student Expectations - Lessons & Assignments:

-Every session, the students have 'guided lessons' posted in "Lessons" in "My Classroom" on The Catholic Brain.

\*The lessons include dates of the program session, zoom info, the links for the videos to watch, the chapters to be read, and the assignments to hand in.

*\*For your convenience, ALL lessons contain the links for the zoom meetings, ebooks, e-assessments, Unit Tests, and all videos.*

-The activities on **The Catholic Brain** are graded automatically by the site. Each student's account tracks the activities they have completed.

-Chapters in the **e-book** are typically followed by an e-assessment review. *\*Please remind students to add their name when submitting the assignment and their Catechist's name in "Class."*  
*\*If the score of an e-assessment is below 60% the student can retake it.*

-Chapter **activities and projects** are to be emailed to the students' catechist via the catechists' Religious Education assigned Gmail account. These accounts are NOT personal accounts and are monitored by the RE Office.

-**Unit Tests** and **Prayers Tests** are online tests completed via link found in the lesson plans. The Tests are scored after it is reviewed by the catechist.

-The student receives an average grade based on the points earned during their activity on The Catholic Brain, scores of e-assessments, and completion of chapter activities and projects.

## Zoom Meetings:

-Students must be located in a main area of the house and dressed appropriately.

-Keep Camera's on and Mic's off - until told otherwise.

-Type "Here" in the Chat section for attendance and stay on camera. ***Missing a Zoom session is equivalent to missing a class, as such only 1 absence is permitted to maintain enrollment in the program.***

-Most months, the student's will have a video to watch before their Zoom meeting.

**\*TIME FOR EACH MEETING IS LIMITED AND IS STRICTLY ENFORCED.**

-Schedule is as follow:

Grade 1 is 9:00am-9:15am

Grade 2 is 9:20am-9:40am

Grade 3 is 9:45am-10:05am

Grade 4 is 10:10am-10:30am

Grade 5 is 10:35am-10:55am

Grade 6 is 11:00am-11:20am

Grade 7 is 11:25am-11:55am

Grade 8 is 12:00pm-12:30pm

# Lesson Format

Below is a Sample of a Lesson Plan from Grade 1:

**Family Centered Program 2020-2021**  
**September - Grade 1 – Unit 1 – God's Revelation**

NOTE: Your catechist will be available to answer any extra questions or concerns via emails at [SFCFCGrade1@gmail.com](mailto:SFCFCGrade1@gmail.com).

<b>Schedule: Parent Session:</b> Sept 13, 2020	<b>Time:</b> 9:00am - 10:15am
<b>Student Session:</b> Sept 20, 2020	<b>Time:</b> 9:00am - 9:15am
<b>Family Centered Mass:</b> Sept 27, 2020	<b>Time:</b> 10:30am

**\*Classwork is due by Sept 27th**

**Class A Zoom Meeting:**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8609843152?pwd=T2xJbzBMaTZva0w2Uzh0RkZlY3VTQT09>  
**Meeting ID:** 860 984 3152      **Passcode:** SFC

**eBook website:** <https://www.flipsnack.com/OSVOffertory/aic-parish-se-grade-1.html>  
**eoBok passcode:** !!aicstu!!21107

**Outline:**

1. **\*\*Zoom Meeting today at 9:00am - 9:15am\*\***
2. **Introduction:** Click on the title to watch "[Bedbug Gang - Creation Celebration](#)." Talk with your child about how God created everything.
3. Read Chapter 1 "Created by God," pages 47-53. Discuss all your favorite things that God created. Say a thank you prayer to God for those things.
4. Watch the video for the song "[Kumbaya](#)." Talk about the songs from church you like to hear.
5. Read Chapter 2 "God's Gift for Us," pages 57-64.
6. **Chapter 3:**  
-Click on the title to watch "[God's Story: God Made People](#)"  
-Read Chapter 3 "Made to Care," pages 67-74.

**Homework:** Complete the Unit 1 review [here](#).

## Emailing Assignments

As part of the lesson, at times students will have to send work to their catechist via email. When an assignment needs to be emailed to their catechist, students should include in the subject line their First and Last Name and the Name of the Assignment.

<p><a href="mailto:sfcfcgrade5@gmail.com">sfcfcgrade5@gmail.com</a></p> <hr/> <p>Jane Smith: Trinity Assignment</p> <hr/>
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## Practicing Reverence:

We are here to support your family's faith development and keep your families close to God. Here are some suggestions for creating a prayer space in your home. If a specific location is not suitable, try creating a portable prayer area using a tri-fold presentation board and glueing prayers, pictures of saints/Jesus/holy images, and various other things that could help create a reverent space.

\*Some helpful ideas can be found [here](#) and [here](#).

## Permission for Video and Photo Release

Any student who would like their photos and/or videos submitted in class to be used in our program produced montages or videos must have the Photo Release form sent to the R.E. Office or emailed to us at [religioused@stfranciscathedral.org](mailto:religioused@stfranciscathedral.org). The form can be found [here](#).

## \*\*Seasonal Session Requirements\*\*

As per the program requirements, there are sessions that the students are also to partake in.

**These will be on-site services:**

1. **Feast of the Immaculate Conception:** Tuesday, December 8th, 2020.
2. **Ash Wednesday:** February 17th, 2021 3:15pm Service
3. **Good Friday:** April 2, 2021

## Mass Attendance

-The envelopes previously used for Mass attendance are being discontinued until further notice.

-Attending Mass is **STILL** a program requirement but, most importantly The Catholic Church teaches that you have an obligation to attend Mass every Sunday.

-Although physically attending Mass is still at limited capacity, watching it virtually on the parish webpage is highly recommended.

-There will now be a Google Form that students will complete after Mass.

-There are 3 levels of forms based on the student's grade level.

Grade K-2 [here](#)    Grades 3-5 [here](#)    Grades 6-8 [here](#)

\*Submissions need to be sent in by Monday, as the responses will be cleared out after they are recorded.

**\*Recording attendance will continue indefinitely.**