



PREP PARENT NEWS

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Dear Parents,

As another Sunday school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and yours all of the very best for the summer. May it be a safe, healthy and happy one and whatever your summer plans are, may they be most enjoyable!

This doesn't mean that your child(ren)'s religious education stops. Attending Mass regularly is also religious education. During the months ahead, you and your child may not study a textbook, but you will have countless opportunities to live the teachings of Jesus about love, compassion, forgiveness, generosity, and justice – and in that way learn more about our faith.

Your experience of this past learning year is very important to me. Please feel free to share your thoughts with me at saintpeterpius@gmail.com. May you, your child(ren), and your family have a blessed summer!



3 Christ-like Parenting Strategies

(from KatieWarner.com)

Your children should see a similarity to Christ's face when they look at you. You should treat them in a way that reminds them of the Father's love and concern for them.

(1) **Lead by example.** Jesus offers a “new commandment” in the Gospels: “Love one another; even as I have loved you” (John 13:34). From a very young age, children love to copy their parents' behavior. So as parents, we need to be the model of virtue and Christian living that we want our children to embrace.

(2) **Correct lovingly.** Just as Jesus lovingly corrected the woman at the well; we, too, are called to discipline our children in a loving way. This does not mean to ignore their flaws, but rather highlighting them and turning them toward the good and virtuous. It's the type of love and correction that says, "I love you too much to let you live or act like this."

(3) **Show mercy.** It's been said that a parent's role is to provide their children what they need rather than what they deserve, especially during difficult times. Every day, we are presented with several opportunities to practice mercy, sometimes even in the most difficult of parenting situations. The most potent message of the Lord, according to Pope Francis, is "mercy." It entails a willingness to assist someone in need, particularly someone **who requires forgiveness.**

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