Bulletin note December 2-3, 2023 – Jacob Kleinhenz Letter of Resignation

Jacob Kleinhenz, Coordinator of Religious Education, Letter of Resignation

Hello everyone!

After a lot of prayer with the Lord and discussion with my wife Claire, I am announcing that I will be transitioning out of my role as K-12 CRE for St. Augustine/St. Joseph and into a new job opportunity that arose for me at Honda as a financial analyst, which I will begin in January. My last day will be January 5, 2024. It was definitely not an easy decision for me as I have loved my time serving the youth and families of St. Augustine/St. Joseph over the past 3.5 years. From religion classes, to Wednesday morning student Masses, to parent's faith formation classes, the Sacraments, and much more, I will certainly miss many aspects of this position. With Claire staying at home with our daughter Eve Maria since she was born, and our second child due in March, my vocation as a husband & father is to strive to do what's best for my family which can come with some tough decisions at times. I will be providing assistance as need be as the school year moves forward for our program. I also plan to continue speaking engagements for local youth programs when asked and continue my ministry leadership for our local young adults through Quo Vadis as president & executive director of operations. With that being said, I'll continue to do my best in building up the Lord's kingdom and I pray that you all will strive to do the same through your family and community. May St. Augustine, St. Joseph, Holy Mary and all the Saints & Angels intercede for you into becoming the Saint that God is calling you to be! Yours in Christ, Jacob Kleinhenz

Dear Parishioners,

On behalf of all the parishioners and staff of St. Augustine and St. Joseph Parishes, I would like to offer words of thanks and deep gratitude for the gift of ministry and service Jacob Kleinhenz has provided these last 3.5 years as Coordinator of Religious Education. We were sad to learn of Jacob's transition to Honda, but also fully respect, understand and support the decision he and Claire are making on behalf of their family. The primary vocation of any married couple is first to God, then to each other and their children and our vocation of service in the world is to support and provide for that primary vocation to God and family. Jacob has been a dedicated, faithful and faith filled CRE who has enriched our religious education program. He has helped grow our program, offering enrichment for children and parents alike, he has supported our religious education teachers and families and he has been a source of religious knowledge and faith.

Jacob had initially hoped to transition at the end of the school year, but that was not possible with his new position. We very much appreciate his offer of assistance as we continue with the school year. We are grateful that Kim Wiford has agreed to serve as interim Coordinator of Religious Education to facilitate the religious education program through the end of the school year. Kim has been involved with religious education for a number of years, most recently teaching second grade. We will begin a process for hiring a new full time Coordinator of Religious Education in the Spring that will include advertising the position, interviews with a committee and hiring by the Summer of 2024. Please join me in thanking Jacob for his years of dedicated and faith filled service.

Sincerely in Christ, Fr. Ken Schnipke, C.PP.S., Pastor