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Re: Cessation of Catholic Special Religious Education (SRE) Ulladulla Public School

Dear Parents/ Guardians

On behalf of the Catechists of St Mary Star of the Sea Parish, it is with much disappointment and sadness that I must advise you, that due to a shortage of volunteer teachers, we are unable to proceed with Catholic SRE classes at Ulladulla Public School. This will be effective from Term 3 2022. On behalf of Fr Michael and our catechist team, we apologise for any inconvenience or distress this notification causes.

We understand that you as Parents and Guardians are the primary educators of your children's faith. We thank you for the opportunity you have given us to be part of this journey so far, and hope that in the future we may be able to continue to support you in your faith education role.

An invitation is extended to all families to participate in a Mass designed for young families and others, celebrated each 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month at 5 p.m. in our Milton Church. Everyone is welcome. It offers you an opportunity to come together with other families and to be encouraged in the practice of your faith, which we agree to do at our Baptism. It is also a way to consolidate the other sacraments you and your children have received, especially Holy communion and Confirmation.

Proclaiming the Catholic faith message to our parish children in local public schools is such a worthy mission! We are in dire need SRE/Catechists and helpers to continue with the Catholic SRE program. Should you, a member of your family, and/or a friend be willing to enrol as a catechist/helper, please call me on (02) 4457 1802 and I will be only too happy to speak with you.

**Kindly note: the Parish Sacramental Program will continue as usual, with preparation for First Reconciliation fast approaching. If your child is enrolled in this Sacrament please attend the Family Mass on Sunday, 3 July, 5.00pm, Ulladulla Church. It's not too late to enrol! Children in Year 2 or above, who have been baptised, are able to make their First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Please contact Anne Foster, 0402 904 188 [fosterja@outlook.com](mailto:fosterja@outlook.com) for further information.**

If you would like to discuss any of these matters further, please don't hesitate to call me on the number above or email me at [raff85@outlook.com.au](mailto:raff85@outlook.com.au)

We look forward to the opportunity to meet you and your children in the future.

With sincere regards

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