

Dear Parents/Guardians

Welcome to what will be the next step of faith for you and your children, the path towards Reconciliation and First Communion. When you baptized your children they joined the Body of Christ here on earth, His Church. Now their faith journey continues as they prepare to receive the sacraments that will bring them to full participation in the Mass and allow them the grace received through the source and summit of our faith, the Holy Eucharist.

You as parents have been, and will continue to be, **the** teachers of faith to your children. Our program is not here to replace **you**. We are here to supplement what you teach in your home with structured catechesis that will enable your children to learn, pray, and grow with children their own age. We do our best to nurture the seeds of faith you have sown in your children. This is a program of cooperation. Without the complete support of you and your families, we will not succeed in our mission to bring your children closer to God and His Church through the sacraments.

Attendance at Mass weekly, as commanded by God, is a part of your children's sacramental preparation program. It is NOT optional. Practicing the faith is necessary for children to understand their part, and how they fit, in the family of God.

I pray that God the Father will bless all of you with abundant faith, that Jesus Christ the Son will bless you with mercy, and that the Holy Spirit will give you the wisdom necessary to guide your children on their journey.

In His Service

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