



Dear Parents or Guardians,

Would you agree that being parents who want their child to know God and their faith is challenging in today's world? There are so many competing values and different activities you want your child to experience. Still, you want your child to know God and how God loves them.

Our parish records indicate you have a child at the age of preparation for the sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist (Communion). What a beautiful and maybe even daunting privilege you have as the primary educators in your child's faith formation!

This letter is to support you in this role and to let you know that our diocese has developed a new approach to preparing children to receive the sacraments. This approach involves you more closely and will foster a partnership among you, our parish faith formation coordinators, and our catechists.

This method consists of a two-year preparation period. The first (called Year 1) includes children in first or second grade and will focus on yours and your child's relationship with God and the Church. The second (called Year 2) includes children in second or third grade. It will focus on each of the three sacraments and what children need to know so their hearts are fully prepared to receive them. The Sacramental Preparation program is supplemental to your child's regular faith formation, whether that is received through your parish's faith formation or youth ministry program, or through your child's Catholic school. So, your child must be enrolled in either your parish's faith formation program or the Catholic school. Sacramental Preparation registration fee is \$70.00. This fee covers Sacramental preparation materials, a ceremony banner and a ceremony photograph of your child. **Please come to one of the meetings below and bring a copy of your child's Baptismal certificate, and be prepared to register and pay for the Sacramental Preparation program.**

For more details and to register please attend one of the meetings listed below:

St. John-Holy Cross Sunday October 2 from 4-5:30PM

St. Bartholomew's Parish Monday October 3 from 7-8:30PM

St. Maximilian Kolbe Parish Wednesday October 5 from 7-8:30PM

Thank you for your love of God and our church. We look forward to collaborating with you as faith formation educators of your children.

Sincerely in Christ,

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