



SAINT ANDREW  
CATHOLIC PARISH

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Dear Parents and Guardians:

You are receiving this letter as our records show that you have a child who may be eligible and ready to prepare for the next sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. What an exciting time in each child's life! The goal for sacramental formation is simple: to help lead the children to an encounter with Christ and through this encounter to inform, form and transform them. That is what we strive to assist you with during the sacramental formation process. According to the *National Directory of Catechesis (NDC)* the parish children from our Catholic school, parish formation programs and home study programs are to come together for the special time of sacramental formation.

Our process of formation for Reconciliation and Eucharist is family based. When you asked for your child to be baptized you promised to train him or her in the Catholic faith. You are your child's first and primary catechist. In keeping with this goal, materials are provided at the workshops to assist you in this catechesis. If you and your child are ready to begin this formation process, Saint Andrew parish offers two cycles for your convenience. Please review the enclosed schedule and registration form for details and dates. Then check your calendar to determine which is the best cycle for your family—fall or spring. ***Please note the registration deadline for each cycle.***

In regard to formation for these sacraments, a candidate must have attained the use of reason, be of catechetical age and must meet the following requirements:

1. The child must be baptized Catholic. **A new certified copy of the Baptismal certificate from the church of baptism (front and back) is required at the time of registration. Please contact the church where your child was baptized to request this certificate.**
2. The child has completed religious formation the previous school year either in a Catholic school, consistent attendance in a parish religious education program or an approved Catholic home study program. *(If other than at Saint Andrew Parish please provide documentation from the parish.)*
3. The child is *currently* enrolled in and consistently attending a Catholic formation program as noted in #2.
4. The child is in the second grade or above and at least seven years of age.
5. Your family must be registered parishioners at Saint Andrew Parish.

If you have a child or children who have not been baptized or have not received previous religious education please contact me to determine the correct placement for your child as soon as possible.

I look forward to working with you in forming your child for these important sacraments. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding these sacraments and preparation.

Yours in Christ,

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