Faith Formation Year One
(preparing to receive First Eucharist [Holy Communion] in Spring, 2018!)

The first year of your child’s formal religious instruction (no matter what his or her age) is an important foundational year for your child and also for you as parents. The following are some of the essential (aka “required”) elements of this first foundational year:

- Regular Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass attendance
- Regular attendance at the Faith Formation program or your family’s specific formation program (Intergenerational Faith Community [IFC] or AMP)
- Explore Four! Simply put: this is an opportunity for you and your family to attend four different parish-sponsored activities (social; spiritual; or service-oriented) throughout the year (till April 15, 2017). The first of the year and a fun one that you won't want to miss is the Parish Picnic (Sunday, Sept. 25th, 11 AM-3:30 PM). If you're not available that day - not to worry! There are plenty of other activities happening at CCOP! See the Explore Four Info sheet to learn more about it. We’ll be sending out various ideas for different activities throughout the year. You choose which you would like to attend and snap a “selfie” of yourselves on the spot! Then send your pic immediately to pmorgan@catholicsofpleasanton.org. We can’t wait to see what different activities your family explores!
- Parent Only Orientation Meeting for at least one parent of all First Year children. Attend either
  - Monday, Oct. 24th, 7:00-8:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Chapel  *OR*
  - Wednesday, Nov. 9th, 7:30-8:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall (Rms. 16-17)
  - Online sign-ups for this meeting will be sent out at the end of September.
- Spring Parent-Child Gathering – a time for you and your child to explore together the gifts of the sacraments (and Baptism in particular!), and what it means to be a friend of Jesus.
  - Sat., April 29th, 9:30-11:30 AM: St. Augustine Hall
  - Online sign-ups for this will be sent out in mid-March

We look forward to joining with you on this special faith journey that your family is undertaking. Please feel free to contact me with any questions of concerns you may have!

Blessings!

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