Faith Formation Year Two
(preparing to receive First Eucharist [Holy Communion] in Spring, 2017!)

Now that your children have completed their first foundational year of formal religious instruction (no matter what their age), they are ready to begin their immediate preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation/Confession (received in December, 2016) and First Eucharist/Holy Communion (received in Spring, 2017).

The following are some of the essential (i.e., required) elements of this important second year as your children prepare to receive the sacraments:

- Regular Sunday (or Saturday evening) Mass attendance is a non-negotiable!
- Regular attendance at Faith Formation or your family’s specific formation program (Intergenerational Faith Community [IFC]; or AMP) since it is critical that the children be well-formed in the whole of their faith.
- **Parent Only Overall Orientation Meeting** for at least one parent of all Second Year children. Online sign-ups (through WeJoinIn.com):
  - Wed., Sept. 14, 7:30-8:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall (Rms. 16-17) *OR*
  - Mon., Sept. 19, 7:00-8:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Church
- **Reconciliation Parent Only Meeting** (for at least one parent of all Second Year students. Online signups through WeJoinIn.com):
  - Mon., Sept. 26, 7:00-8:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Church *OR*
  - Weds., Oct. 12, 7:30-8:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall (Rms. 16-17)
- **Parent-led sacrament preparation** for Reconciliation and Eucharist with supplied sacrament materials.
- **Eucharist Parent Only Meeting** (for at least one parent of all Second Year students. Online signups through WeJoinIn.com):
  - Tues., Jan. 31, 7:00-8:00 PM in St. Elizabeth Seton Church *OR*
  - Weds., Feb. 8, 7:30-8:30 PM in St. Augustine Hall (Rms. 16-17)
- **Two Parent-Child Gatherings**
  - For Reconciliation:
    - Sat. Nov. 12, 9:30-11:30 AM in St. Augustine Hall
  - For Eucharist:
    - Sat., Mar. 25, 9:30-11:30 AM in St. Augustine Hall
- **Celebrations of the Sacraments**
  - Reconciliation: Saturday, December 3, 2016 at 11:00 AM or 1:00 PM
  - First Eucharist: Various Saturday evening or Sunday Masses throughout the Easter Season

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

Blessings!

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