

January 9, 2018

Dear Parents:

We are about to begin the preparations for your child's Confirmation and First Eucharist. This is a joyful and exciting time for your family and for the whole Church, and I look forward to walking through this process with you. As you probably know, in the Diocese of Spokane, children are confirmed prior to their First Eucharist, thereby following the original order of these two sacraments. In the coming months, your children will prepare for both Confirmation and First Eucharist, and we will celebrate both sacraments together on **Sunday, April 22, 2018 at the 11:00 a.m. Mass.**

All children in second grade or older are encouraged to receive these sacraments in order to become fully initiated members of the Church. Our program is family-centered and combines regular large-group meetings with weekly family lessons that are taught in the home. Group meetings will be held on **Sunday mornings at 10:00 a.m.** The attached schedule includes all of our meeting dates. Attendance at all scheduled meetings is essential, so please mark these dates on your calendars as early as possible.

Our program begins with an adult session for parents only on **Sunday, February 11 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parish Center** (Pearson Hall, beneath the parish office). The parent meeting will introduce you to the program and will help prepare you for catechizing your children at home. Please bring the attached registration form and the \$25.00 sacramental fee to this meeting.

If your child is in any special circumstances (e.g. has already celebrated First Eucharist elsewhere, is not yet baptized, etc.), please contact me so we can plan accordingly. My aim is to make the preparation process meaningful and suitable for each family and every child.

I look forward to seeing you on February 11. If you have any questions regarding this program, please contact me using the information below or simply stop by the parish office anytime on Monday-Thursday.

May God bless you as you continue to lead your child in the joy of the Gospel.

Sincerely,



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