



January 17, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians of Children Preparing to Receive First Eucharist this Spring,

Thank you for all you do to share the Catholic faith with your children. This letter contains important information about enrolling your child for First Eucharist (Communion).

First Eucharist Enrollment Parent Meetings: The First Eucharist Enrollment Parent Meetings are **next week on the following dates**. If you wish to enroll your children for First Eucharist, at least one parent or guardian must attend one of the following First Eucharist Parent Meetings in Regan Hall. These meetings are for parents only. ***Your child will not automatically be enrolled to celebrate the sacrament just because they are registered for Faith Formation or attend a Catholic day school or because you attended the First Reconciliation Parent Meeting.***

- Tuesday, January 24, Registration 5:45 to 6:15 pm. Speaker 6:15 to 7:15.
- Wednesday, January 25, Registration 4:45 to 5:15 pm. Speaker 5:15 to 6:15.
- Wednesday, January 25, Registration 6:30 to 7:00 pm. Speaker 7:00 to 8:00.

If your child is registered for Faith Formation classes, please register in Regan Hall first, then take him/her to class before class start, and return to Regan Hall for the meeting.

At this meeting, you will be updating your knowledge of the Sacrament of the Eucharist and purchasing a First Eucharist home preparation book for \$16.00 which you will be expected to complete with your child.

First Eucharist Home Preparation Book: We ask that the completed home preparation book be turned in **by April 4 or 5** to either the church office or your child's catechist or teacher. Faith Formation catechists and the Catholic School teachers will be supplementing your work with other catechesis.

Baptismal Certificate: If your child was baptized at a parish other than St. Vincent de Paul and we do not have a copy of his/her official baptismal certificate from last fall, **you will need to bring the newly issued official baptismal certificate to the parent session.** *We cannot hold your child's place for a First Communion date and Mass time until we have his or her official baptismal certificate.*

First Eucharist Retreat: The parent/child retreat nights are March 21 and 22. At least one parent or guardian must attend with your child. See the "Date Due Chart for Children Preparing for First Eucharist" for details and your assigned retreat date and time.

First Eucharist Banners: Each year our first communicants create beautiful First Eucharist banners that are displayed in the church gathering area. At the parent session, you will receive a white felt piece and directions for completing the banner. Return the completed banner at the First Eucharist Retreat on March 21 and 22.

First Eucharist Date Registration: Register for a First Communion date and Mass time at the parent meeting **or contact Theresa Krohn at 763-762-7409 or theresakrohn@saintvdp.org by April 1.** Updated information for those on a particular Mass waiting list will be available at the parent meeting.

Please contact me at 763-762-7406 or maryannmarschall@saintvdp.org with any concerns or questions about the sacrament.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mary Ann Marschall".

Mary Ann Marschall, Coordinator of Grades 1-6 Faith Formation

Know and celebrate our Catholic Faith, Love God and our neighbor, Serve as disciples of Jesus Christ.

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