

## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### RECONCILIATION

#### Second Grade

The preparation program for Reconciliation is during the fall semester in the regular class setting. It is very important that your child not miss any classes. It is a program for parents to work with the catechist in preparing the children for this sacrament. The reception of this sacrament will be announced at a later date. All parents are required to attend an orientation class and two Reconciliation classes which will be scheduled during the regular CCE time.

### EUCCHARIST

#### Second Grade

The preparation for First Eucharist is during the spring semester in the regular class setting. It is very important that your child not miss any classes. It is also a program for parents to work with the catechist in preparing the children for this sacrament. The reception of this sacrament will be the first weekend in May. All parents are required to attend an orientation class and two First Communion classes which will be scheduled during the regular CCE time.

### CONFIRMATION

#### Seventh and Eighth Grade

Confirmation is a two-year program. Preparation begins in the seventh grade and continues in the eighth grade with Confirmation in the spring. It is very important that your child not miss any classes. Students will be asked to participate in the Youth Group to help form community and will participate in service projects in the eighth grade. Parents and sponsors of eighth graders will be required to attend an orientation class and three classes which will be scheduled during the regular CCE time. **Sponsors are an important part of the preparation process during these two years, as well as parents.**

### MISSED SACRAMENTS/CHILDRENS CATECHUMENATE

If you have a child age seven or older who has not received the sacrament of Baptism or if you have a child in the third grade or older who has not received the sacraments of Reconciliation or Eucharist, or a child in the ninth grade or older who has not received the sacrament of Confirmation, please contact Charlotte Amato, DRE at 792-6168, ext.222. We have special programs for these children to fully initiate them into the Church. These classes meet on Sunday mornings during the regular CCE time. **Parents and sponsors of these children will also attend the same classes as the parents of younger children receiving the sacraments.**

**A COPY OF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE OF ALL CHILDREN ENROLLED IN SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES IS REQUIRED BY NOVEMBER 01, 2011. FOR THOSE ENROLLING LATER IN THE SCHOOL YEAR, THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF ENROLLMENT. IF THE BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS NOT PROVIDED TO CHARLOTTE AMATO, DRE, BY THAT TIME, THE CHILD MAY NOT BE ALLOWED TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT THIS YEAR. PARENTAL PARTICIPATION IN THE PARENT CLASSES IS ALSO REQUIRED.**

**IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD ATTENDS CLASS WEEKLY. IF YOUR CHILD CANNOT ATTEND PLEASE INFORM THE TEACHER OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE (806-792-6168). EXCESSIVE ABSENCES MAY RESULT IN YOUR CHILD NOT BEING ABLE TO RECEIVE THE SACRAMENT THIS YEAR.**