

Saint Madeline Parish

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I hope this note finds you well and restful as our summer months begin. During the next academic PREP year, your child will be preparing for the beautiful Sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. Listed below are suggestions that will ease this preparation as the children come into Level 2 in the fall. This plan is based on the completed Level 1 curriculum. Your child should have a good understanding of these basic points:

Memorized prayers:

Sign of the Cross (Blessed Trinity—see below)
Our Father
Hail Mary (Mary as the Mother of God)
Glory Be

Baptism:

Original sin from Adam and Eve
Holy water as it washes away original sin
New member of the Catholic Church

Blessed Trinity:

God the Father as our Creator
God the Son as our Savior
God the Holy Spirit as our Helper

Please pray daily with your child. Also attend Sunday Mass and have him/her act with reverence throughout the Mass.

Below are the words of our Holy Father, Pope Francis, as he spoke of the importance of the Holy Eucharist.

Dear friends, we don't ever thank the Lord enough for the gift He has given us in the Eucharist! It is a very great gift and that is why it is so important to go to Mass on Sunday. Go to Mass, not just to pray, but to receive Communion, the bread that is the Body of Jesus Christ who saves us, forgives us, unites us to the Father. It is a beautiful thing to do! And we go to Mass every Sunday because that is the day of the resurrection of the Lord. That is why Sunday is so important to us. And in this Eucharist we feel this belonging to the Church, to the People of God, to the Body of God, to Jesus Christ. We will never completely grasp the value and the richness of it. Let us ask Him then that this Sacrament continue to keep His presence alive in the Church and to shape our community in charity and communion, according to the Father's heart. This is done throughout life, but is begun on the day of our First Communion. It is important that children be prepared well for their First Communion and that every child receive it, because it is the first step of this intense belonging to Jesus Christ, after Baptism and Confirmation.

Eucharist I – The Summit of God's Saving Action; Wednesday, 5 February 2014

Please feel free to contact me at any time throughout the summer.

God bless,
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