

January 13, 2015

Dear Parents,

The purpose of this letter is to remind you of your responsibility to regularly attend Mass with your children on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, at a minimum.

Our Religious Education Program is a family- and values-based Catholic program that strives to strengthen your children's faith and deepen their spirituality. Formal religious education reinforces and expands on what you teach in your homes and the examples you set in your daily lives. After all, a child's parents are his/her first, and most influential teachers, and by enrolling your children in religious education classes, you have shown your commitment and desire for them to not only learn, but live, their Catholic faith.

This letter will serve as a reminder that attendance at Mass (weekly and Holy Days of Obligation, at a minimum) is mandatory. We are now requiring the children to "sign in" at Mass for all candidates for First Penance/First Holy Communion and Confirmation. Please be sure your child signs the notebook located in the entrance of the church. As you will recall, you signed a religious education form, acknowledging the requirement for you and your child(ren) to attend Sunday Mass. Those children who do not regularly attend Mass will not be eligible to receive the Sacraments because they will not have satisfied all requirements.

Actively participating in religious education and regularly attending Mass and receiving the Eucharist should not end once the children receive one of the aforementioned sacraments.

We wish you and your families a blessed New Year, and we look forward to seeing you at Mass.

Sincerely,

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