



CHURCH OF ST. DOMINIC

3450 Norwood Road, Shaker Heights, Ohio 44122

Dear Parents,

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At the Church of St. Dominic, we recognize and celebrate that growth in faith takes place in community and is ongoing. The Sacraments are key to this growth. Gathering for Eucharist is the most important sign of our unity and belief in God's presence among us. We proclaim in our mission statement, "*We are a Eucharistic Family living the mission of Christ.*" To live the mission of Christ, we must be nourished at the table of the Lord.

One of our greatest joys and responsibilities, is passing on the gift of the Eucharist to the children of our parish. While parents are the primary educators in the faith and preparation for First Eucharist is a lifelong process, we require that a child receive at least two years of formal religious education prior to making First Eucharist. What does this mean?

- Children who have been enrolled in and attended PSR classes in first grade (either at St. Dominic or another parish) will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade.
- Children entering second grade (or another grade) without previous religious education will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in the third grade (or the year following the grade they entered PSR).
- Commitment to at least 75% attendance is encouraged for the 2 year period.
- We welcome and support children with special needs to be a part of our parish religious education program.

We recognize the challenge of balancing the many activities in family life! Still, meaningful and purposeful preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist is one of the greatest gifts you can offer your child. We look forward to partnering with you as you undertake this important step!

In Faith,

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