



Church of Saint Mary
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To: Parents of Children Preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

From: Director of Religious Formation

Re: 2016 – 2017 FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHRIST PROGRAM

Date: September 1, 2016

PLEASE RESERVE THE FOLLOWING IMPORTANT DATES!

The following information explains the Parish Sacramental Program for ALL those celebrating First Reconciliation at Saint Mary Church this year.

I. PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION [also called “Penance” or “Confession”]
Parents are to help their children memorize the following before **December 3/4, 2016**.

- A) The Sign of the Cross. [In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.]
- B) The “Act of Contrition”

I suggest you pray these prayers together at mealtime and/or as night prayers

FIRST RECONCILIATION – SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2016 – 4:00 PM

C) EVERY SUNDAY IS A SPECIAL RECOGNITION SUNDAY – ATTENDANCE AT SUNDAY MASS IS MANDATORY.

At **one** of our two usual weekend Masses:

either Saturday: 5:00 pm - or Sunday: 10:30 am

Children must sign in downstairs in the parish center each week
the children, accompanied by parents or at least one adult will take part in a brief rite to celebrate these events:

December 3/4, 2016

Enrollment into First Reconciliation Preparation
[children will recite together the Act of Contrition]

ONE "PARENT-ONLY" MEETING

For **FIRST RECONCILIATION** on **Tuesday - September 27, 2016** from **1:00 - 2:30 pm**

OR 7:00 - 8:30 pm in the Parish Center.

Please complete and detach the following registration form; return it by mail or place it in the Mass collection

BY SEPTEMBER 20, 2016

We **CANNOT** enroll your child into the Sacramental Program without this form.

CHILD'S NAME: _____

please circle: **The Academy at Saint Mary** - or - **Saint Mary Religious Formation [CCD]**

please circle: **Second Grade** - or - **other grade:** _____

I plan to attend: **1:00 pm - 2:30 pm** - or - **7:00 pm - 8:30 pm on September 27, 2016**

I have read the enclosed letter and wish that my child be accepted into the Saint Mary
Sacramental Preparation program as described above.

PARENT'S SIGNATURE: