



## ST. ANASTASIA CATHOLIC CHURCH

July 12, 2017

Dear Parents:

The primary goal of sacramental catechesis is the formation and transformation of the person. The process is concerned with leading the person into the sacramental mystery he or she is about to celebrate and that he or she is formed, shaped and transformed by that mystery. This is what we strive for in the First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion sacramental preparation program for the children of St. Anastasia Parish.

According to our records, your child meets the following criteria for the preparation of these sacraments:

- ◆ The child must be baptized Catholic—[**a copy of your child's baptismal certificate is required**]
- ◆ The child actively participated in a Catholic school, Parish Religious Education program or a Catholic home-school program in 2016-2017
- ◆ The child enrolls in a Parish Religious Education, Catholic School or Catholic home school program for the 2017-2018 calendar year
- ◆ The child is in the second grade or above and at least seven years of age

The process of formation for these sacraments is family based. The NDC states, "Children's preparation for first reception...begins in the home. The family has the most important role in communicating the Christian and human values that form the foundation for a child's understanding..." (126). Keeping in line with this understanding, materials are provided at the workshops to assist you in this immediate preparation process.

Enclosed is the sacramental preparation workshop calendar and registration form. Be sure to complete the form in its entirety and return it to the parish office.

I look forward to assisting you in forming your child for these most important sacraments. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Denise Pressley*

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