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FIRST EUCHARIST CALENDAR & INFORMATION PARENT PACKET



RCIC –First Communion Children

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Eucharist Workshop/Mandatory For Parent and Child Saturday, March 30, 2019

**Seton Faith Formation Center
3100 W. Spring Creek Pkwy**

Your and your child's participation in this workshop is essential to his/her preparation for this Sacrament. You are assigned to the session according to the day/time that he/she attends class. If you cannot attend at your assigned time, please come to the other listed time. You do not need to notify the Children's Ministry Office, but be aware that the schedule is made to assure that each session is not overcrowded. Children will have one First Eucharist Workshop, Please make this a priority over other events for the day and come with a positive and joyful attitude.

Assigned Times For Workshop

9:00 AM -11:00 AM Sunday 8:30AM 2nd & Older Sacraments Groups
All Wednesday 4:30PM & 6:00PM 2nd gr. Groups

11:30 AM - 1:30 PM All Sunday 10:15 2nd grade and RCIC group

Please come to the session time to which you are assigned. We plan our numbers so that the children have the best experience possible.

Please arrive with your child ten minutes before your session is to begin so that you can register and verify the spelling of the Eucharist child's name. This will ensure it will be entered correctly into the Church Registry and on the Certificate. It is important that we start promptly at the scheduled time. The workshop consists of three 40 minute activities. We will have three parent/child groups moving at each 40 minute set. There will be opportunity at one of the sets for questions and information concerning First Eucharist. Thank you.

First Communion Schedule

Saturday, April 27, 2019

10:30 AM Liturgy/Mass

- Sunday 10:15AM 2nd grade groups
- Sunday 10:15AM RCIC group

Mandatory PRACTICE: Friday, April 26th 4:00 PM– 5:30 PM

The practice for your group will begin at 4:00 PM and end at 5:30 PM. Please meet your catechist in the assigned room in the **Activity Building at 2700 W. Spring Creek Blvd.** This is the building next to the Church on the main church property.

Please be ON TIME. We practice the procession and the Mass and receiving an unconsecrated host.

<u>Regular Session</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Room #</u>	<u>Meet In Activity Bldg. Room</u>
2 nd Gr. Sunday	10:15AM	Room 110 -----	Room B
		Room 109-----	Room C
		Room 107-----	Room E
RCIC Group/Sunday	10:15AM	Room 230-----	Seton Room

COMMUNION DAY: Saturday, April 27st

9:30 AM Meet in assigned room to line up for group pictures.
 10:30 AM Liturgy in Church
 12:00 Noon Reception in the Parish Hall

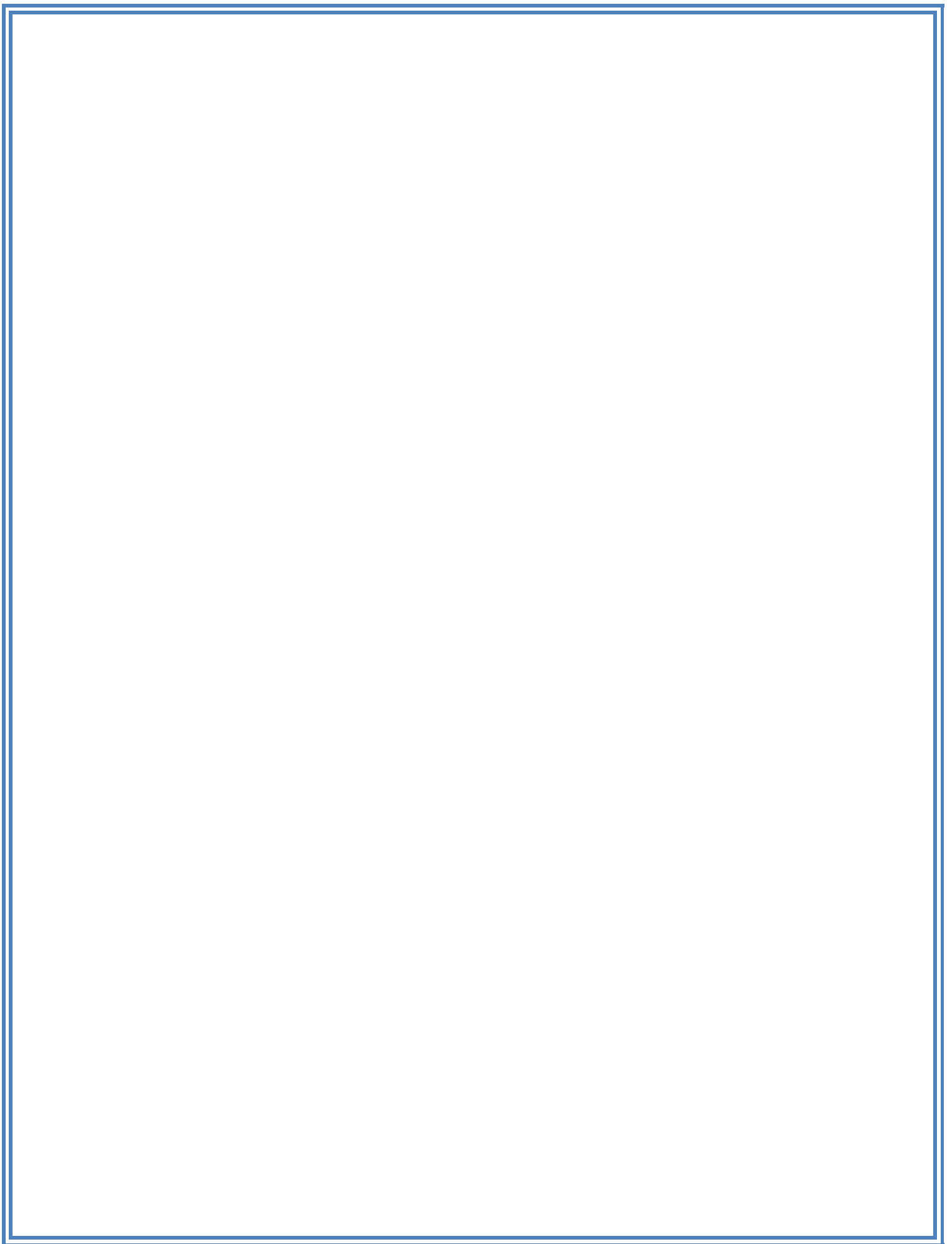
Cameras may be used from the pews only. Please remember this is a Mass and we must remain reverent. Aisles must remain clear at all times.

NOTE:

Please be on time to the practice and to the assigned room on Saturday morning. We need to start on time Friday evening. On Saturday morning we will have a group picture together. If you are late, it holds up the processes and you child may miss being in the group picture.

Children assigned to meet in Seton Room & Room E will be seated on the left side of the main aisle in the Church, facing the altar. (Blessed Sacrament Chapel side)
 Children assigned to meet in rooms C & D will be seated on the right side of the main aisle in the Church, facing the altar. (Choir side)

Map of Parish Activity Center is on the last page of this booklet.



General Information 2019

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST EUCHARIST LITURGIES AND PRACTICES WILL BE HELD ON THE MAIN CHURCH CAMPUS @ 2700 W. SPRING CREEK PKWY.

Children will meet in their assigned room in the Activity Center, connected by the breezeway to the Church, for practice and for the liturgy. Catechists will lead them to the Church at the appropriate time.

Suggested Dress for Girls on the Day of First Communion

- Sunday dress
 - Girls wear traditional white First Communion Dresses
 - Dress should cover the shoulders and have a modest neckline
 - **If a dress has spaghetti straps (less than 1-inch wide), a sweater or jacket is required**
 - Simple street-length dress is recommended
 - Veil – optional: Many girls wear veils, most wear some hair ornament (veil, ribbon, flowers, etc.)
- NO GLOVES - NO PURSE will be allowed to be worn into the church!
- No tennis shoes or sport type shoes – It is recommended that girls NOT wear raised or high heels

Suggested Dress for Boys on the Day of First Communion

- Dress slacks – no jeans
- Dress shirt – (NO T-SHIRTS OR KNIT POLO STYLE SHIRTS) preferably solid, but no plaids
- Coat and/or tie – optional
- Dress shoes/loafers - No tennis shoes or sport type shoes

(Please note - new shoes are slippery – high heels on girls are especially so, and dresses and slacks that are too long can cause a child to trip. The children will be walking up the steps onto the altar to receive the Eucharist. The steps and altar are made of ceramic tile! We want your child to be comfortable and secure on communion day. Double sided tape on, or scraping the soles of new shoes can help to prevent slipping.)

It is recommended that you shop for clothing before Easter, as there is a wider selection at that time. Most of the major department stores have dresses, veils and bows available for purchase. There are photographs of previous First Communion classes available in the Children's Ministry office for you to view.

Veils and other religious articles are also available at:

- Sacred Heart (Campbell & Coit) Phone: 972-250-2100
- Catholic Art and Gifts (Inwood & Forest) Phone: 972-934-3553

Catalogs of various communion articles, including rosaries, crosses, veils and bibles are available and can be picked up in the Children's Ministry office. Please place your orders directly with the company if you use a catalog. Allow time for delivery.

COMMUNION CLOSET:

Seton currently sponsors a Communion Closet in partnership with several of our area Catholic parishes. We are all aware that clothing for this special event can get expensive and children often do not get a lot of additional use out of the items. This can impact the family budget quite a bit. One of our teens started this project several years ago, hoping to help local families.

Professionally cleaned and gently used boys' suits, slacks, shirts, jackets and ties; girls communion dresses and veils, are donated. Invitations are sent to all children in the participating parishes to come to St. Elizabeth's on the morning of our Eucharist Workshop:

Saturday March 30th

to "shop" for clothing that they may want for First Communion. The outfits are given at no cost and with no questions asked other than the size you need. We provide rooms for children to try on the outfits. The items are theirs to keep. If anyone would like to re-donate for next year, we simply ask that the clothing be professionally cleaned before we accept it.

If you have any questions contact Denise Gilbert Children's Ministry.

NOTE: First Eucharist is not just another "event" or "photo-op" in your child's life. It is a sacrament that takes place within the sacred liturgy of the Mass. We ask that all in attendance behave in a manner that will allow it to remain sacred and memorable for all participating.

Please take note:

- **The priest will bless rosaries, prayer books, etc. during the liturgy. Children will not be allowed to carry these items into the Church. Parents should keep them in their possession.**
- **You may take pictures and/or videos during the liturgy, but we ask that you remain in your pew. All aisles must remain clear at all times during the processions in and out of the Church and during the liturgy – especially during the Communions. You may take group pictures in the Church before the liturgy, and of your child individually, after the liturgy.**
- **The area between the pews and the entry doors – most particularly by the gift table near the door – must remain clear of people at ALL times.**
- **Love Photography will take pictures of each class group before the liturgy. You may purchase these. The order form is in this packet.**
- **The priest will be available for pictures at the reception in the Parish Hall.**
- **We are aware that you are excited for your child and eager to visit with your family and guests – BUT please do your visiting at the reception following the Mass not during the Mass and most pointedly – not during the reception of Holy Communion. Do Not Wave to your child!**
- **SAVING OF SEATS:**
 - **You are asked to hold only 2 seats for members of your party arriving late. Other families make the effort to arrive early and it is only fair that they have access to seats within the church.**
 - **At 15 minutes before the Mass is to begin – ALL seating will be opened and ushers will begin seating anyone needing a seat.**
 - **NO saving of seats will be permitted from 15 minutes before the Mass is to begin. That means no saving of seats after 10:15AM and after 1:45PM.**

We hope that you understand that the above rules are meant only to allow the liturgy to remain sacred and to avoid difficulties that we have encountered in the past. I am sure that you would agree that the experience of the sacrament is what is important for all – most especially for the children receiving the Eucharist for the first time.

Group Picture Order Form

8x10 group _____-\$16.00 each

5x7 group _____-\$12.00 each

Parent/s Name _____

Child's name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home # _____ Cell# _____

E-mail address: _____

First Eucharist Liturgy: _____ Sat. 10:30am _____ Sat. 2:00pm

Child's weekly session Day _____ Time _____ Room # _____

(Above refers to the group that your child took the picture with)

I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ 8X10'S

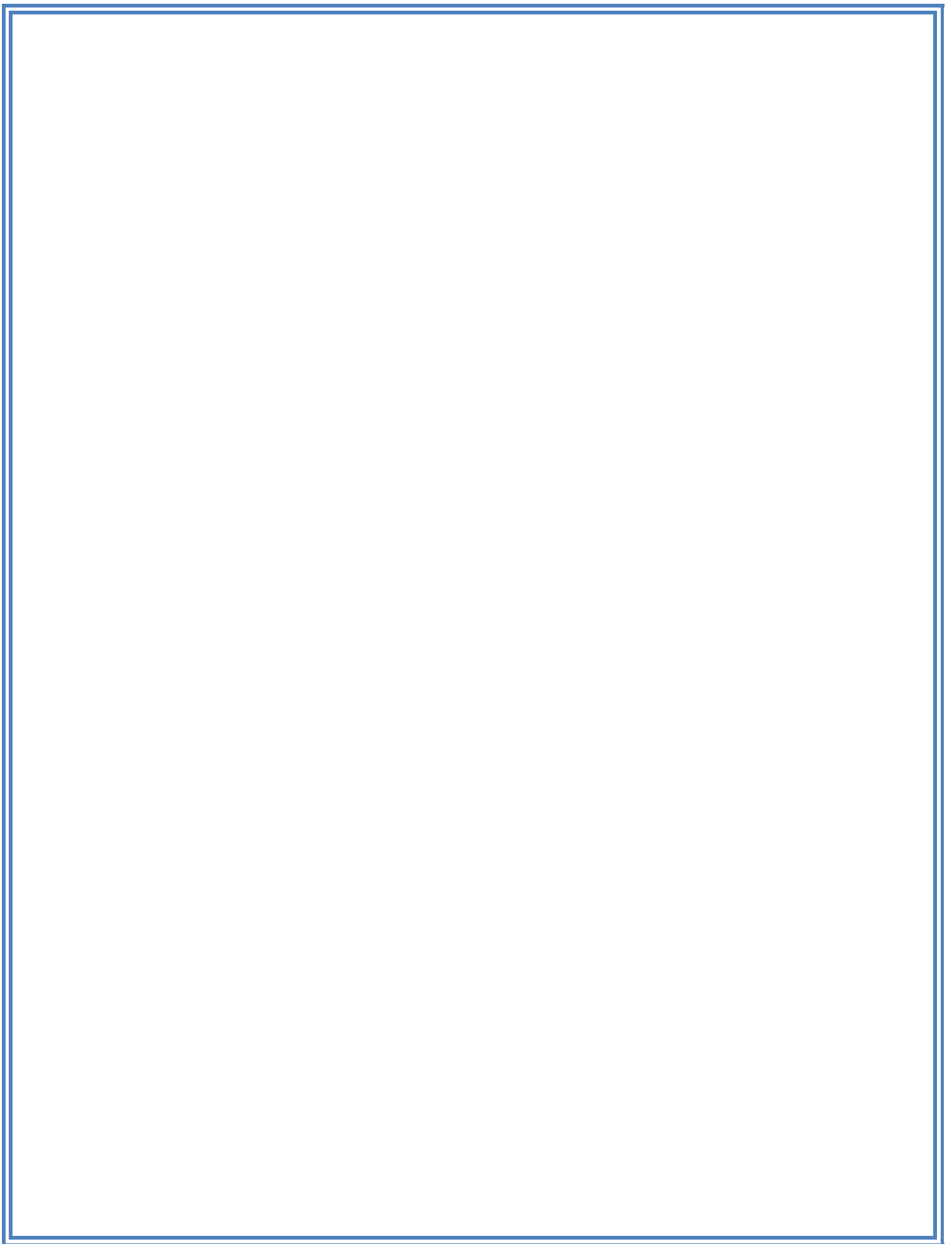
I WOULD LIKE TO ORDER _____ 5X7'S

TOTAL OF ORDER \$ _____

Please make checks payable to: E. Love
The Group Photographs will be taken in the Church
one hour before the Liturgy on the day of First Communion.

Your group portraits will be mailed 3-4 weeks after First Communion.

Please fill out mailing label when portraits are taken. Thank you.



Please staple your check here.

First Communion Individual Pictures Order Form

First Communion individual portraits will be taken by *Love Photography* on
April 6, 2019—Saturday - Room 110, 9:00AM—11:30AM

3100 W Spring Creek Pkwy

Seton Faith Formation Center. Please call the office to make an appointment.

All packages are prepaid with a 100% satisfaction guaranteed.

Make checks payable to *E. Love*.

If you would like to order, please fill in the information below and
attach to this form a check for total amount of order.

Tax is included in the price. Prices include postage and handling. Portraits will be mailed in 3-4 weeks.

Return check and order form to the Children's Ministry Office by Thursday April 5th.

You will be given an appointment time by the Children's Ministry Office.

Please indicate your package choices

Package A	Package B	Package C	Package D	Package E
2 8x10	4 5x7	1 8x10	2 5x7	1 5x7
2 5x7	2 4x5	2 5x7	2 4x5	2 4x5
4 4x5	8 wallets	8 wallets	8 wallets	8 wallets
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\$72.00	\$56.00	\$48.00	\$40.00	\$32.00

You can add additional prints to your package

Package F	1 8x10	\$18.00
Package G	2 5x7	\$18.00
Package H	4 4x5	\$18.00
Package I	8 wall	\$18.00

Total of order\$ _____

Parent's name _____

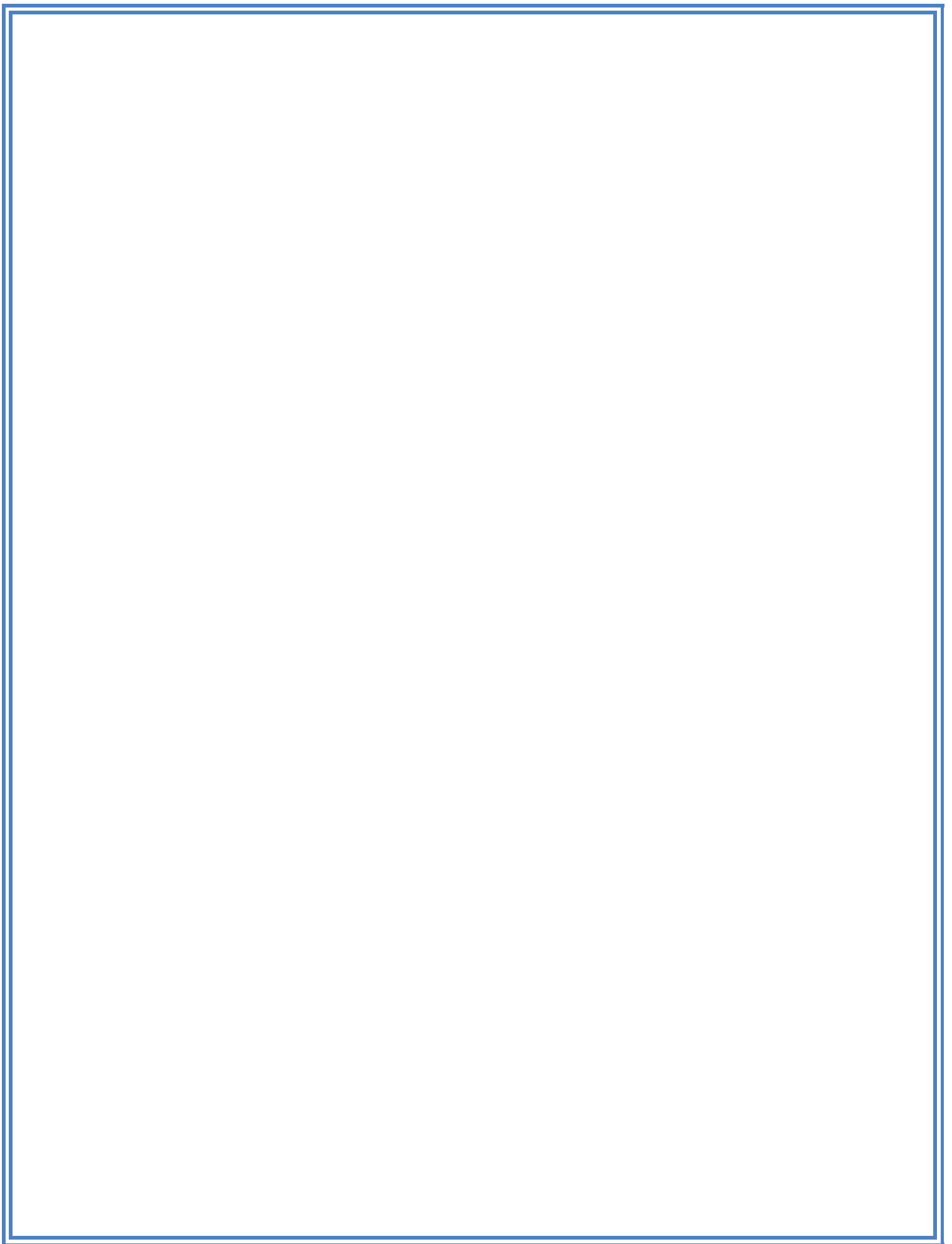
Child's name _____

Address _____

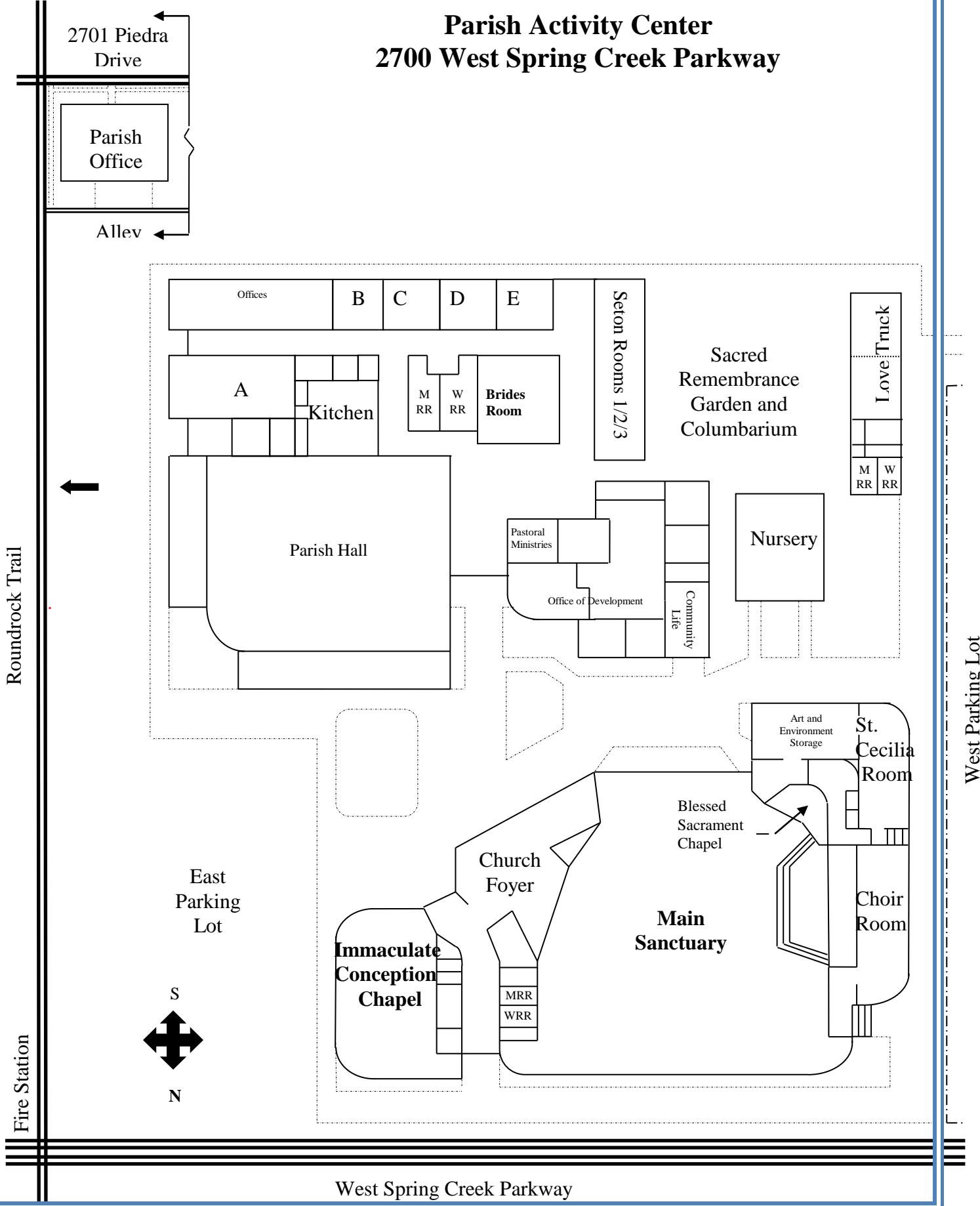
City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Parent E-mail: _____

Teacher's Name _____ Child's Class Day _____ Time _____ Room _____



Parish Activity Center 2700 West Spring Creek Parkway



2701 Piedra Drive

Parish Office

Alley

Offices

B

C

D

E

Seton Rooms 1/2/3

A

Kitchen

M RR

W RR

Brides Room

Sacred Remembrance Garden and Columbarium

Love Truck

M RR

W RR

Parish Hall

Pastoral Ministries

Office of Development

Community Life

Nursery

Roundrock Trail



East Parking Lot

S



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Immaculate Conception Chapel

Church Foyer

MRR

WRR

Main Sanctuary

Blessed Sacrament Chapel

Art and Environment Storage

St. Cecilia Room

Choir Room

Fire Station

West Spring Creek Parkway

West Parking Lot



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