

## May Our Children Come To Know You

It is my honor to announce that an inspiring group of elementary, middle and high school students have successfully completed the 2018 Confirmation and First Eucharist Sacrament Preparation. Not only have these students gathered with their parents to learn what the sacraments are about but more importantly they are developing an understanding on how to live out these sacraments in their everyday lives. From the moment these children were born, God has prepared them (and still is) to be the living examples of our faith. ***“I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you” (John 13:15).*** We need to live our life so that other people can see Jesus living inside of us. Every time we had gathered, the parents would have recited the following prayer: “Loving God, thank you for allowing us to come together as we learn more about our faith. Thank you for the gift of our children. May they come to know You. May the Holy Spirit help them to grow in faith, hope and love, peace and truth. May their ears hear your voice. May their eyes see you in all things. May their lips speak kind words. May their hearts be your home. May their hands do your work. May their feet walk in the way of Jesus.” People can see the Holy Spirit living and breathing inside of them through their voices, words, hearts, hands and faith. Their faith is simple and true. It has not been tainted by the outside world. These children and young adults truly believe that Jesus is present in the Eucharist. No proof is needed or asked. The children have come to understand what it means to say, “Amen” (‘it is so’ and ‘I believe’). When the Eucharistic Minister says, “Body of Christ” “Blood of Christ”, they can reply with all of their hearts: AMEN!! At the Last Supper, Jesus said, “This IS my Body... This IS my Blood.” He did not say that it is a symbolic representation. The Mass and the Eucharist are the Source and Summit of our Catholic faith. I invite you to imagine what will be occurring in the church at this Mass, that cannot be seen from the naked eye. The room will undoubtedly be filled not only with everyone’s guardian’s angels singing and rejoicing but the Holy Spirit will be descending from Heaven and resting on each candidate. All of Heaven will be singing Hosanna, in the Highest and our sweet Mother Mary will be holding them next to her loving Immaculate Heart. SO REJOICE MY FELLOW PARISHIONERS AND SING PRAISE AND GIVE THANKS FOR THIS NEW GENERATION WILL BE FULL MEMBERS OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH!!

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