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Saint John Neumann Parish Religious Formation Office

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Dear Future 1st Holy Communion Parent:

Our records indicate that your child has successfully completed the 1st grade religious formation program and is eligible to enter the 2nd grade 1st Holy Communion Preparation Program at SJN.

The 1st Holy Communion Preparation Program emphasizes the connection between the way we live and express our Catholic faith in our homes and our parish. Therefore, parents share an active role as the primary educators of their children as they prepare to receive our Lord Jesus Christ – Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity – in the Holy Eucharist. Upon completion of the various requirements of the 1st Holy Communion preparation process, your child will be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion on May 4, 2019.

Some of the requirements the 1st Holy Communion Preparation Program include the following:

- Attendance at the Parent Orientation Meeting: **Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 7pm**
- Faithful attendance at all 2nd grade religious formation classes (See the parish website to register)
- Completion of all Religious Formation class and Parent/Child Workshop assignments
- Faithful attendance at **all** Parent/Child Workshops:
 - Workshop #1: **Saturday, November 10, 2018 – Time: 2pm to 4pm**
 - Workshop #2: **Saturday, January 5, 2019 - 10:30am to 1pm**
 - Workshop #3: **Saturday, March 9, 2019 - 10:30am to 1pm**
- Attendance and reception of the **Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation: Saturday, January 26, 2019 at 10:30am in the Church**
- Completion of a 1st Holy Communion Banner
- Timely submission of all required forms (registration forms, baptismal certificates, etc.)

IMPORTANT NOTE: The Parent Orientation Meeting has been scheduled for **Thursday, October 11, 2019 at 7pm** in the Parish Center. **Mark this date on your calendar now and plan to attend.** During this meeting the various aspects of this sacramental preparation process will be fully explained. Additionally, pertinent information, materials, resources, and registration forms will be distributed.

Mark all of the dates listed above on your calendar now to ensure that your child's preparation to receive the Holy Eucharist – the very heart of our Catholic Faith - receives top priority in the 2018-2019 year. If you have any questions, please contact the Religious Formation Office.

We look forward to seeing you and your child at the Parent Orientation Meeting in October!

Peace in Christ,

Mrs. Maureen L. Joseph
Director of Religious Formation