



Dear Parents,

When our children prepare to receive sacraments it offers us, as parents, a time to form the knowledge of our faith and renew our commitment to the teachings of the Church. This year we are asking all parents of children preparing in sacraments to participate in online catechesis program on FORMED. There are no additional meetings to attend, as FORMED can be accessed from your home computers.

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If your child is preparing for Reconciliation, we ask that you watch the ***Forgiven*** series before your child receives this sacrament. Please use the questions provided for discussion and reflection as you participate in this series.

If your child is preparing for First Communion, we ask that you watch the ***Presence*** series before your child receives this sacrament. Please use the questions provided for discussion and reflection as you participate in this series.

If your child is preparing for Confirmation, we ask that you watch ***Echo:Episode 16 and*** listen to ***We Must Go Out*** by Fr. Michael Schmitz before your child receives this sacrament. Please use the questions provided for discussion and reflection as you participate in this series.

If you have any questions about this, please contact Chris Baumgardner cd3.baum@gmail.com or 513-539-8061

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QUESTIONS FOR ECHO (episode 16):

During the renewal of Baptismal promises before Confirmation the bishop asks: “Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who came upon the Apostles at Pentecost and today is given to you sacramentally in Confirmation?” In what ways is the Sacrament of Confirmation called the sacrament of the Holy Spirit? How can it be said that Confirmation is our own “personal Pentecost?”

Review the effects of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Which effect or effects of the sacrament inspires you the most? Do you draw upon the graces of this sacrament in your daily life?

What is the significance of the two signs of the Sacrament of Confirmation—the laying on of hands and the anointing with Sacred Chrism? How do these sacramental signs and the grace they bestow upon you consecrate you for mission and discipleship?