



## Saints John and Paul Parish

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Dear Friends:

This school year, your children will receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time. At Baptism they became adopted children of God, at Holy Communion they will be as close to Jesus as the apostles were 2000 years ago and finally at Confirmation the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that they received at Baptism will be sealed or confirmed in them.

Although the Catechists and Clergy in the Religious Education Program can help the children to understand the importance of the Eucharist, it is the parents who are responsible to bring them to Mass so that they can further experience the Community of the Eucharist. If you do this every Sunday and pray with them often, you will be fulfilling most of your responsibilities in the religious education of your child. You are already teaching them right from wrong and how to be a good person by your words and especially by the way you lead your lives. Your presence here today is vivid testimony of that.

You will receive more communication on this as we go through the year. The date of First Communion is **Saturday, April 25**.

Kind Regards,

Deacon Jack Shea, Director of Religious Education