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Dear Parents and Caregivers:

If we live the fruits of the Eucharist in our daily lives, we will fill our families and our communities with the life-giving qualities that the Mass brings: hospitality, concern for the poor and vulnerable, self-offering, and thanksgiving. These are wonderful qualities to desire for your child preparing for their First Eucharist. We also support you in your desire to share the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit with your child in Confirmation. Gifts that help them to become caring, responsible, and faith-filled missionary disciples of Christ as they mature into adulthood. What a wonderful gift to share with your family: Faith!

Our sacramental preparation program for Confirmation and First Eucharist is called *Together in Jesus*. You and your child will explore eight lessons in a classroom setting:

- I Belong to a Community.
- I Prepare for Confirmation.
- What Happens in Confirmation?
- Our Community Remembers Jesus.
- Jesus Gathers People Together.
- Jesus' Special Supper.
- Our Community Shares a Meal.
- My First Eucharist Book.

These eight lessons will also be explored within your family setting. We recognize that what goes on in your home is the most important part of the preparation for Confirmation and First Eucharist. We also recognize that parents and caregivers are tremendously busy these days, so our goal is to assist you in making Confirmation and First Eucharist preparation an enjoyable part of your family activities. In addition, to exploring the above eight lessons you will also help your child learn their basic prayers.

As your child's first and most important religious educator, you have the right and the responsibility to be an active participant in their Confirmation and First Eucharist preparation. We will support you in that role and in the sharing of the gift of faith.

Peace and All Good,
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