



## CCD Program

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to the First Communion program at St. Peter Chanel. We have a series of things that we are asking of the parents.

### Classes:

- Classes will begin on **Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup>**.
- We ask that the students be punctual. Classes are held **every Monday** (either from 3:30 to 5:15 PM; or from 4:30 to 6:15PM).
- No more than 6 absences are permitted.
- Every week the student is to bring:
  1. Their 2-year Catechism. (If the student loses the book they must buy a new one from the office at regular price of \$10).
  2. Their folder with their completed homework.

### Sunday Mass:

- The children, like all Catholics, moreover **are to participate in Holy Mass every Sunday**.
- Sunday Mass is a serious obligation, and failing to attend when one is able is a mortal sin.
- Accompanying your children to Mass every Sunday, and teaching them by example to never miss Sunday Mass is an indispensable part of their Christian formation.

### Homework:

- **Another essential part of the class is the weekly homework.** Each week the child will receive a homework, which consists of some simple questions that they are to answer, and some prayers that they are asked to pray every day.
- The children will need **some assistance from their parents** to complete the homework.
- Another reason to look at the homework is that **little notices that we give to parents** throughout the year are made on their homework. Parents are asked to sign the homework every week.

### Formation Classes:

- **Parents are to attend a class once a week**, in which they will learn more about their faith, and how to develop a deeper union with God. There will be several options:
  - **Monday 3:30-5:15 PM**
  - **Monday 4:30-6:15 PM**
  - **Monday 7:30-9:00 PM (Spanish)**
  - **Tuesday 7:30-9:00 PM**
  - **Tuesday thru Friday at 3:30-4:45 PM (Spanish)**
  - **Sunday at 3:30 PM (Spanish)**

### First Communion Gowns / Crowns:

- All students must wear a white first communion gown at the first communion ceremony. The office will order this and it will cost \$15.
- Girls must wear the crown that the office will order for their first communion ceremony and it will cost \$10.

**Note that students will NOT have sponsors for their First Holy Communion.**

### Safety:

- Please pick your child/children up at the end of class, on time. 3:30pm classes end at 5:15pm and 4:30pm classes end at 6:15pm.