For the Sacramental Preparation year of Fall 2023 through Spring 2024, we expect that parents and teens abide by the guidelines set and requirements needed to receive sacraments.

**BAPTISM**

Any Middle School or High School student who has not received baptism will participate in two years of Sacramental formation. Preparation will take place on Thursdays for all teens who will be in RCIA and who will be preparing to receive all three sacraments.

**FIRST COMMUNION**

The Sacrament of First Communion is usually received in the 2nd Grade of elementary school, however, teens who have not received this sacrament will prepare for two years. Youth in Middle School may prepare for First Communion if they have not received this sacrament. Youth in High School will also prepare for this Sacrament as well as Confirmation.

**CONFIRMATION**

Confirmation Preparation begins in the 9th Grade of High School and is a two-year process per Diocesan rules. Preparing for Confirmation requires attendance in faith formation classes, attending Mass weekly, and completing 15 hours of Community Service. Service hours may be done at school, in local organizations or through the opportunities provided at the parish. All documents for Confirmation must be turned in by **Sunday December 3rd**.

**ATTENDANCE POLICY**

Students may not have more than 3 absences to receive their Sacraments. Parents must email Mariza or Martha to inform them about absences, not the teens. After 3 absences we will evaluate if the teen will be able to receive the Sacrament.

**BEHAVIOR CODE/PDA**

Students are expected to refrain from public displays of affection (PDA) during and after the sessions. Teens are to be respectful of one another, those who choose not to follow these rules will receive a warning. The second warning parents will be called to pick up their teen. The volunteers are giving of their time to help, and we expect them to be respected.

**TECHNOLOGY POLICY**

Cell phones and earbuds may be used before or after sessions, but not during, unless the activity being led requires it. Cell phones must remain out of sight and in silent mode. If we see phones, we will give one warning after that, the phone will be taken by a volunteer for the remainder of the session.

**PUNCTUALITY**

Teens are expected to be on time for sessions. More than 20 minutes late counts as an absence. Sign-in will take place via a QR Code projected at the beginning of class. Parents are to pick up their teens on time after the session ends.

**DRESS CODE**

While the church greatly respects the uniqueness and individuality in each of its members, it holds that modesty is a fruit of the Holy Spirit and that “Teaching modesty to children and adolescents means awakening in them respect for the human person.” (Catechism of the Catholic Church 25234)

Teens are to dress appropriately for the sessions. If what the teen is wearing is not appropriate, we will have extra clothes for them to wear. If the teen does not want to comply, we will ask them to call home and get picked up by their parents.

For questions, contact Mariza Mandujano at Mandujano-Ortizm@icdurham.org or Martha Ellis at ellism@icdurham.org or call (919) 281-0719.