



**Saint Ignatius Loyola Parish**

**Catechetical Office**

*A Jesuit parish uniting hearts and minds in the Spirit of Jesus Christ.*

August 2016

Dear Parents,

As we begin this new school year at St. Ignatius, we would like to welcome you and your child/children to the Sacrament Preparation Program. Second grade is a special year because your child is invited to receive two other sacraments, Eucharist and Reconciliation.

These Sacraments of Initiation continue to help and support the spiritual growth of your child and deepen the *Initial* Sacrament- the Sacrament of Baptism. As parents, you requested Baptism for your child to initiate him/her into this faith that you profess, believe, and practice.

You are invited to attend the First Eucharist **Orientation Parent Meeting on Thursday, September 8, 2016 at 6:30 PM in the Parish Center Garden Room.** The purpose of this meeting is to inform our First Eucharist families of requirements and special extra activities that are part of the sacrament preparation process. This meeting is **mandatory** for parents (one parent or guardian needs to attend).

**Please complete and return the enclosed form if you desire your 2<sup>nd</sup> grade child to begin preparation to receive First Eucharist and Reconciliation this school year 2016-2017.**

**This form and fees needs to be returned no later than SEPTEMBER 7, 2016.** If you have any questions, please contact Fatima Avila-Ohlsen, Director of Catechetical Ministries at **(916) 482-9666 ext. 238** or email **fohlsen@stignatiussac.org**. You can return form to the school office or the Parish office.

We pray that this year will be a year of blessings and graces for you and your family.

Sincerely,

Fatima Avila-Ohlsen  
Director of Catechetical Ministries

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