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Dear Families,

The families of those children who are preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist are asked by Monsignor Vance to participate as a family in the presentation of the gifts at the 5:00 P.M. Saturday Evening Vigil Mass or any Sunday Morning Mass. This means that a family would leave the pew after the intercessions when the Altar Server starts to the back, and wait until the Altar Server leads you toward the Altar.

Each person offers the bread or wine to the priest, and when all are done, bow your heads reverently, and slowly return to your pew.

A special pew will be reserved at the back in the middle section so that the Usher will be able to identify your family. On coming to Church inform the Usher or Priest that you are the family that is carrying up the gifts that Mass. This is important as confusion is created if the Usher is not aware that you are present and may select another family to bring up the gifts.

Since there are about 87 children receiving Sacraments this year you will only be asked to do this once; however, you are welcome to do this at other Masses on Sunday. Just check the sign up sheets by the cry room, and sign up for any Sunday of your choice. All our parishioners are welcome to do this.

In the spirit of families being the primary educators of their children, Monsignor Vance is offering one way for you, as a model, to guide your child in participating in the liturgy.

A parent from each class will be calling you to arrange your time. **Your class may be called to start the year or possibly even end the school year.** Please be patient.

Your friend in Christ,

Jeanette Paul
Director of Religious Education