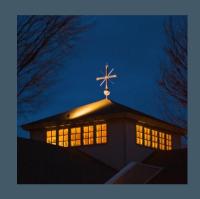


## What are we saying "yes" to?

TODAY IS NOT THE BEGINNING

Your child's baptism was! Every day since then, as parents/guardians you have been forming your child in a life of faith through prayer, worship, service and community. While this registration begins the official two-year preparation journey, we recognize that our parish accompanying you is just one piece of his or her lifelong journey of faith. As parents/guardians, you are the first and best formers of your child's faith. Our Evangelization and Faith Formation programs aim to supplement the amazing and holy work that you are already doing in your homes. We are in this together and can't wait to accompany you and your child on your journey towards the Eucharistic Altar!





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## **First Sacraments Preparation**

A DEEPENING OF FAITH



At St. Francis, Sacramental Prep for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist takes place over the course of two years. Children must be baptized. The earliest a child may register is the spring of their Kindergarten year. In both years of preparation, candidates are expected to engage in the community in the following ways:

- <u>Source & Summit</u> Participating in the weekly celebration of the Mass with their families.
- <u>Faith Formation</u> Participating in either the parish's Cross Walk program or The Franciscan School's Catholic education
- <u>BOW</u> (Year 1 only) Families will sign up to prepare and lead a Breaking Open the Word together from 10:00-11:00 am with our Children's Catechumenate. Sign up to follow.
- <u>Family Events</u> (Year 2 only) Participating in Sacramental Preparation events and retreats before the celebration of the Sacraments.
- <u>Celebration</u> Children will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation & the Sacrament of First Eucharist during the winter and spring of his/her second year of preparation.

If your family has any questions about the Sacramental Preparation process, please contact Marisa Ferrara or Martina Dumberger.

## **Registration Reminders**

A complete registration includes:

- Sacramental Preparation Registration/payment via realm
- Cross Walk Registration or TFS Catholic education during Y1/Y2
- If baptized at a Catholic parish other than SFA, scan and email a copy of your child's certificate

