

SAINT LOUIS de MONTFORT
Catholic Community

August 20, 2020

Dear Parents and Guardians:

You are receiving this letter because you have a child who will be in first grade during the 2020-21 school year. The first grade year in Religious Education lays a firm foundation for the building of your child's faith. Whether virtual or in-person, we gather every Sunday to develop a personal relationship with Jesus Christ and grow in our knowledge and love of God and His Church.

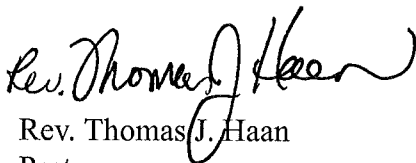
As your child's primary examples in the faith, you have been encouraging and building their Catholic faith since Baptism. Next year, they will be joining their church community at the altar for their First Holy Communion. We humbly ask to come alongside you this first grade year and help prepare your child on their journey to the Most Holy Eucharist. Our diocese, the Diocese of Lafayette-in-Indiana, considers the first grade year of Religious Education so important they require its completion before the sacramental second grade year:

"The child will complete at least one (school) year of formal catechesis either in a parish religious education program, Catholic homeschool, or parish school prior to the time of the preparation of the sacrament."

This requirement means that in order to begin preparation for the sacraments in second grade, your child must have completed at least one year of formal catechesis prior to second grade. We want to make sure your child is enrolled in first grade religious education or St Louis de Montfort Catholic School to fulfill this requirement. **If they are not enrolled in first grade religious education or St Louis de Montfort Catholic School, they will not be able to prepare for sacraments in second grade and will have to complete first grade religious education as a second grader.**

We invite you to register now for first grade religious education by visiting our website at www.sldmfishers.org. You are welcome to contact the religious education office at 317-842-6778, ext. 215 or email Beth Craig at bccraig@sldmfishers.org. Thank you for your prompt attention to this important step in your child's religious education and sacramental life of the Church.

Sincerely,



Rev. Thomas J. Haan
Pastor