

## THE ROLE OF PARENTS FOR GRADES 1-9 AT ST. MARY OF THE LAKE

The Catechism of the Catholic Church states,

*The Christian home is the place where children receive the first proclamation of the faith. For this reason the family home is rightly called "the domestic church," a community of grace and prayer, a school of human virtues and of Christian charity. (§ 1666)*

St. Mary of the Lake fully supports the Church's vision of the parents' responsibility as the primary instructors of their children in the faith, and we hope to work alongside parents in raising faith-filled children dedicated to Christ and his Church. If you are looking for ideas of how to carry on religious education at home, please talk with one of our children's catechists or contact Bette Wolf [bette.w@smlplymouth.org](mailto:bette.w@smlplymouth.org) or 763-545-1443, ext. 16

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION:** In compliance with Archdiocesan guidelines, St. Mary of the Lake only offers sacramental preparation (**First Communion/Confirmation**) for its own registered, full parishioners. We encourage all families of other parishes to pursue sacramental preparation in their home parish.

### **OUR RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

St. Mary of the Lake is blessed to be able to offer the programs listed below:

#### **Promise – Pflaum Grade 1**

Promise is the continuation of our Sunday School curriculum. Continuing with the teachings of the weekly Gospel.

#### **Sadlier Sacrament Program Grade 2**

This year our students learn and celebrate making the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Eucharist in eight week increments, with a unit dedicated to Advent and Christmastide.

#### **Alive In Christ Grades 3-6**

Alive In Christ is a strong, classroom-based curriculum of catechesis based on reading, discussion, question-and-answer and activities. St. Mary's offers school grade-appropriate classes for grades 1 through 6 (including First Communion preparation in grade 2).

#### **Called to Be Catholic Grade 7 and Confirmed in the Spirit Grades 8 and 9**

“One of the biggest challenges facing religious educators today is the arrival of young people who need extra help in order to enter the parish faith formation program. The solution to this challenge is *Called to Be Catholic*, a **highly flexible** resource that provides young people with a **comprehensive introduction to the essentials and key teachings of the four pillars of the Catholic faith.** “

“*Confirmed in the Spirit* is a **fully comprehensive, flexible sacramental preparation program** designed to welcome and form young people as they **grow in faith and embrace their roles as disciples of Jesus Christ**. Based on years of extensive research from experts in the field of catechesis and youth ministry, the components are **doctrinally sound and use a proven pedagogy** created by the Sisters of Notre Dame. The results are unparalleled experiences and support for young people and the adults who guide them.”

Thank you once again for your dedication to passing the Catholic faith on to your children. If you have any questions, comments, or concerns about children's formation at St. Mary's, please contact Bette Wolf, Director of Faith Formation 763.545.1443 ext. 16 ; [bette.w@smlplymouth.org](mailto:bette.w@smlplymouth.org)