

# *Our Lady of Lourdes School*

October 21, 2011

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Congratulations, this year is a special time for your child, as well as you, to experience great spiritual and religious growth. Your child will be receiving two sacraments; the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of Eucharist. For that reason, I need your help and your cooperation in preparing your child to receive these sacraments.

I am sure you realize as parents you are the primary teachers of the faith for your children, and as such, you are the role model for their faith choices. Fostering an attitude of living the faith at home through prayer as well as with OLOL School through weekly mass attendance helps your child understand the importance you place on your faith and they on theirs. That being said, it is of the utmost importance that you and your child participate in weekly Sunday Liturgy (Mass) and pray together daily at home to foster this attitude of faith.

At this age your child should already know certain prayers by heart. The prayers they must know are:

- The Sign of the Cross (using their right hand)
- Our Father
- Hail Mary
- Glory Be
- Act of Contrition
- 10 Commandments
- Apostles Creed

In December, your child will receive a paper entitled, "The Steps of Confession". Please practice the prayers and steps of Reconciliation (confession) with them so they will be comfortable and knowledgeable when it comes time to celebrate the sacrament of First Reconciliation. The children will be making their First Reconciliation March 6<sup>th</sup>, during their school time.

The celebration of this sacrament will be one of quiet reflection. If you wish to attend you are welcome, but there will be no big ceremony due to the quiet nature of this sacrament.

The date for First Holy Communion (Eucharist) is Saturday, May 5, 2012 at 8:30 am. More information concerning practice times, what to wear, and First Communion banners will be forth coming in March/April.

Thank you for your cooperation and God bless you,

Sr. Anna