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Dear SEAS Family,

Welcome to a new year in our faith formation program for sacramental preparation. We would like to express how much we appreciate the fact that you are taking your baptismal promise to heart and allowing us to work in collaboration with you to help guide your child on the most important journey of their life, their spiritual journey. As parents/caregivers, you know religious education begins in the home and this is the most important place for your child to learn their faith

First Reconciliation preparation for your child:

First Reconciliation is a great time to teach our children about God's loving forgiveness. We all make mistakes but God knows our hearts and loves us no matter what we do. Children learn the importance of apologizing and forgiving others too. Confession is a beautiful experience of the pure Mercy and Love of God! It is humbling and healing to say we are sorry - in Reconciliation we confess our sins in order to repair our relationship with God and with our brothers and sisters in the Church. The absolute best way to prepare your son or daughter is to go to confession regularly yourself-to be a living witness of the transformation power of Mercy.

We will begin **Saturday March 12th** with a parent informational meeting at 3:00 PM in the church basement under the rectory office. Enter at the back entrance where the garage is located.

Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate to the gathering.

The Church and our program are here to support parents as the primary catechists of their children. Faith is not something we can learn in a gathering that meets one hour a week; it is something we live and grow into with our families. It is a relationship, a relationship with God. Nothing that is done in our faith formation program will make any sense to our children if the faith is not a part of their home life. Practicing the faith at home includes praying together, reading the Bible together, talking about faith, and, most importantly, **attending Sunday Mass**. Our faith formation website www.seasred.weebly.com has a lot of information to help your family engage in the faith where ever you are with an internet connection. Any updates will be posted on the website under the sacrament button. If your family is facing obstacles please do not hesitate to contact myself for support, suggestions, or solutions.

Blessings,

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