**Praised be Jesus Christ! Now and Forever, Amen!**

Dear 2nd Grade Credo Parents, Guardians and Grandparents,

I am super excited for another year of Sacramental Preparation here at the Cathedral! I count it a great honor and a beautiful blessing to help assist you in your role as the primary Faith educator for your child. I am not going to lie, this year is a lot of work and it will demand your time. But I promise that God will bless your sacrifice and make this one of the most amazing years of Faith Formation for you and your child! Always keep in mind that we are preparing children for Eternal Life!!! And that is beautiful yet hard work!!!

For your benefit, I would like to outline our sacramental preparation time together from now until December 6th, the date of First Reconciliation, so that you know ahead of time what is to be expected. We will be utilizing the following resources for our time together. All of these resources can remain at home.
Please return completed homework and folder each week.

On your child’s folder, you will see their name and a number next to it. All the books that are being loaned to you for the year will have this same number on it somewhere. Please keep your set of books till the end of the year.

1. *Grade 2 Faith and Life Series: Jesus our Life*; 3rd Edition; Chapters 1, 2, 3, 5, 17, 18, 19, 20
\*\*Please read these chapters WITH your child. There are questions at the end of the chapter that should be included in your reading. Please ask questions to your child and allow them to ask you questions too.

2. *Twelve Lessons on the Catholic Faith* by Father Benjamin Sember; Lessons 2, 3, 7, 8
\*\*These lessons are designed to be read to your child or as a family, preferably the father or grandfather reading the lesson. Please take the time to read Father Sember’s introduction before beginning to read with your child. There are several questions at the end of each lesson that we should aim to memorize. Please do not write in these books. You may keep these books at home all year. There are several lessons we will cover in this book come springtime.

3. *Going to Confession* by Rev. L. Lovasik, S.V.D.
\*\*This little book is to be read over Thanksgiving break. It will be collected at the end of the year! It will not be sent home until the Wednesday before Thanksgiving break.

4. *My Booklet about God’s LOVE and FORGIVENESS*
\*\*This will be referred to as the Workbook. There will be pages assigned as we move along towards December that correspond to the readings assigned. Please try not to work ahead. It is a lot of repetition, but full of good stuff that needs to be learned. Please work with your child on this. The workbooks will need to be completed and turned in by Wednesday, November 19th.

5. *Reconciliation Cards on a Ring*
\*\*I encourage you to work on memorizing a few of these cards a week. These are the essentials as we prepare for the reception of this GREAT Sacrament!

6. *Other Worksheets/Activities*
\*\*There will be some worksheets sent home that also correspond to the assigned reading.

I will be requiring a Parent/Guardian signature on the assignment sheet each week letting me know that the chapters were read and the workbook and worksheets were worked on with your child. Enjoy this special time with your son/daughter. Please be praying with your child and allow them to see your witness of going to the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I would also like to stress the importance of active participation in the Mass every Sunday. You can do this by helping your child follow along with the readings, singing the songs, responding to the Word of God, listening attentively, praying the Mass prayers and even having a conversation about the homily or something that stood out to you during the Mass when you are eating lunch or dinner that Sunday. Prayers to be memorized will be sent home as the weeks progress. Please keep the Assignment Sheet in your child’s folder and bring to class each week. I welcome any questions you or your child may have.
Please don’t hesitate to call me any time:

Thank you for caring about the salvation of your child’s soul!

May God bless US as we begin this journey together!

All for the greater honor and glory of God,
Catechist:

P.S. Let’s be Saints!!!