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Dear Parents/Guardians:

God's peace and blessings to you!

You have already received notice of upcoming ceremonies regarding the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation here at St. John the Evangelist Parish.

The **Sacrament of Reconciliation** will be received for the first time by our parish children on Thursday, October 8, 2009 at 7:00 PM in the Church. All children and parents should be seated in the pews no later than 6:45 PM that evening. The children should have their lambs with them. Following the sacrament celebration, all are invited to the cafeteria for light refreshments. Parents, I request that you pick up the Certificate of Reconciliation there also. These certificates should be kept in your child's faith file for future reference.

On Wednesday, October 21, at 7:00 PM, a **Ceremony of Presentation** will be held in the Church for all students who will be preparing to receive the following sacraments: Grade (Level) 2 – Reconciliation; Grade (Level) 3 – Holy Eucharist; Grade (Level) 6 and above – Confirmation. This ceremony is mandatory for these young people and parents. Important information will be distributed following the Presentation Ceremony about the reception of these sacraments.

The **Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred on our parish children on April 22, 2010 by Bishop McFadden** at 4:00 PM. More specific details will follow.

I must be notified immediately if your child has not been baptized in a Catholic church. Baptism, along with Confirmation and Holy Orders, is only received once. However, other Christian churches do not baptize using the formula of the Catholic faith. Therefore, this must be addressed and I urge you to contact me as soon as you receive this letter. Thank you!

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at the PREP office. As always, I am here to be of assistance to you in your child's faith development. God bless!

Sincerely in Christ,

Maureen Ayes, Director of Parish Religious Education

