

First Eucharist Retreat

**Saturday, April 27 , 2019**

**8:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

**Donation for Lunch - \$10.00**

**Location: Kolbe Missionaries**

**531 East Merced Ave.**

**West Covina, CA 91791**

## **PARENT LETTER OF AFFIRMATION TO FIRST EUCHARIST CANDIDATE**

Dear Parents,

We invite your participation in making this a most memorable event for your child. As parents, you acknowledge the importance of the Eucharist and have seen first hand - their effort and commitment in preparing to receive our Lord for the first time. We ask you to express your affirmation in the form of a letter to your child. This letter will be given to your son /daughter at the end of retreat. He/she will be given the time to sit quietly to read and reflect on your message. Please, it is critical that each child gets a letter from his/her parents.

- Affirm your child's choice to receive this Sacrament and grow in his/her faith
- Place the letter in a sealed envelope with your child's name, Room # and teacher's name.
- Turn the sealed envelope in to the Religious Education office by April **22nd**.

Choose the words that will best express your affirmation and the format you feel most comfortable with. The following is only a suggested outline:

Dear (Your child's name or nick-name),

- ❖ Express how proud you are of all your child has done to prepare for First Eucharist.
- ❖ Tell your child that you are looking forward to the day when they will receive the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist for the first time.
- ❖ Describe how important the Eucharist is in your life
- ❖ Tell your child that you love him/her

Love,

Mom and Dad

( You may write your child a single joint letter or two separate letters if you choose)

**As indicated above, this retreat is MANDATORY. Failure to attend this retreat may jeopardize your child receiving this Sacrament and will require a meeting with Mrs. Pena, Director of Religious Education.**