



July 15, AD 2022

Dear Parents,

Greetings in Christ! I hope this finds your family refreshed after a summer of family fun.

Our Sunday catechetical program starts **Sunday, September 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please register your children before September 1<sup>st</sup> so we can get all our supplies together, and plan to be at class on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

This year we will be including some new events. The events will be fully scheduled by the first day of school, and information will be sent home then. One new event is a **mandatory parent meeting which will be held on October 2<sup>nd</sup> during CCD**. Please mark your calendar and plan to attend.

**You, the parents, are the primary teachers of your children**, and the CCD classes should complement what is taught in the home. Your children's faith is strengthened by conversations about the faith and about how the Lord is working in your lives. If you have not done so, please sign up for FORMED at [www.formed.org/signup](http://www.formed.org/signup), enter Aiken, SC, then choose St. Mary Help of Christians.

As part of your teaching role, is vital that you take your children **to Mass weekly and to confession regularly**. Even if they have not yet received first confession, seeing you go to confession is a wonderful example for young children.

**Reminder of St. Mary's Sacramental Policy:** In order to receive First Holy Communion or Confirmation, children must attend, at the very minimum, two full years of Christian Formation classes. This policy is intended to ensure that your child has the best sacramental formation possible.

Please complete the registration form and submit it to the parish office, put it in a clearly marked envelope and place it in the Sunday basket, or mail it to St. Mary Help of Christians, 203 Park Ave. SE, Aiken, SC 29801.

Contact me if you have any questions or concerns.

God bless,  
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Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children.