

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

We require a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate (unless previously provided or the baptism took place at St. Luke's or Our Lady of Mercy, Belmont). Please attach a copy of the baptismal certificate or ask the church of the place of baptism to fax it to us at 617-484-7831. *If your child was not baptized, or was baptized in a church other than Roman Catholic, please let us know as soon as possible.*

PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

Our sacramental preparation programs are family centered. The primary place where children learn their faith is in their home and their primary educators are their parents and adult caretakers. Our program is designed to supplement and support this home learning. *Parents or guardians must attend all scheduled adult learning sessions, which are designed to help them with their children's home learning* (see the calendar for these dates). These sessions will run at the same time as First Eucharist/Reconciliation classes. Parents must also commit to assisting in the children's classes during the school year so that we have at least 2 adults in the classroom in addition to the teacher. There will be a sign-up sheet at the beginning of the year.

In addition to scheduled classes, participation in weekly Mass is a vital part of sacramental preparation. All families of First Eucharist/Reconciliation students are expected to make a commitment to attend Sunday Mass prior to class. Parents have found that this time of shared worship and learning is one of the most rewarding and fulfilling for their own faith development.

Likewise, attendance at weekly Mass is central to preparation for Confirmation and is expected of all Confirmation students.

Generations of Faith is our community-wide, inter-generational program for faith formation. Our sacramental preparation programs are a combination of classroom learning and participation at our GOF gatherings. There will be 6 gatherings in 2011-2012. There are no sacramental preparation classes on weekends during which there are GOF gatherings. **All students preparing for First Eucharist/Reconciliation and Confirmation must register for and attend our GOF gatherings.**

The calendar for First Eucharist class sessions and GOF gathering dates is attached and is also available on our web site (stlukesbelmont.org). The calendar for Confirmation sessions will be sent separately to candidates.

PROGRAM FEES

The fee to participate in our sacramental preparation program is \$30 for books and materials. The fee for Generations of Faith fee is \$50 per person (children under age 5 attend free) or \$150 for a family of 3 or more. GOF registration forms will be sent to all families who enroll a child in the preparation program.

Our community is committed to ensuring that every child and family can participate in our programs regardless of cost. If you need assistance, please call us in confidence to discuss scholarships.

Please call Bob Flaherty, Director of Faith Formation, at 617-484-9357, or email to stluke.faithformation@verizon.net, if you have any questions.