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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We are delighted that you have chosen a Catholic Education for your child. By making this choice and the sacrifices it brings, you declare clearly your desire for your child to be educated in an environment which proclaims the existence of God and our call to live in a loving community.

Our students are indeed members of their school community but of equal importance is their membership in their parish community. It is important that their connection to their parish community remain vital and strong. It is within the parish community that we are baptized, nourished by the Eucharist, confirmed and buried. And thus it is the policy of the Diocese of Worcester that Catholic school students be registered each year in their home parish and enrolled in the sacramental preparation program in their individual parish. The sacraments, e.g. Baptism, Eucharist, Confirmation and Penance are prepared for and received within the parish.

Since your child attends a Catholic school and has daily religious instruction, it is not necessary for your child to attend the systematic learning component of the parish religious education program. **However, if your child is ready to prepare for reception of the sacraments, it is important that you be in immediate contact with your parish religious education director, know the requirements of your parish sacramental program and enroll your child.** Preparation for the sacraments occurs in the parish not the school.

We are partners in the education and formation of our children and we seek to form whole and happy young people who find welcome sense of place within their parish community.

Yours in Christ,

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