

## Confirmation Expectations for YEAR 1 - S.E.A.S. Families

### PARENT REQUIREMENTS:

**Parents:** Sacramental preparation is the most important time to be intimately involved in your child's faith formation. The S.E.A.S. staff, especially Mrs. McAvoy-Jensen, and the Religious Education staff at Good Shepherd are here to support you on this journey. Please feel free to contact us should you have questions throughout the sacramental preparation process. We ask that you help us out by reading the emails we send you and respond – in action or word – and by staying on top of requirements, due dates, etc. 😊

### **Family Attendance at Mass Each Weekend (Saturday Vigil Mass or Sunday Masses)**

Friday School Masses do not fulfill our covenantal obligation as Catholics. We still need to make weekend Mass a priority. Parents, your student is dependent on you to get to Mass. You need to model the faith for them in the most important way – attend Mass! We also encourage the family as a whole to participate more fully in the liturgy. Every member of the family should ask themselves how you can each do your part to participate in Mass - there are various ways to serve: Usher, Altar Serve, Greeter, Choir, Pass out Bulletins, Presentation of the Gifts, EM, Lector, etc. Granted some of these ministries have requirements, but if you're interested, ask us and we'll put you in contact with the appropriate Ministry Lead(s) to get more information and get involved!

### **Parent Workshops**

One of the best examples we can share with our children is the importance of continuing our own adult faith formation. Throughout the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, we stress to the students that our entire lives are spent learning about our faith, growing closer to God, and strengthening our spiritual lives. This is why we are requiring parents to attend **a total of 6 Parent Workshops during their student's 2 year sacramental preparation journey** – usually broken down to 3 Parent Workshops / catechetical year.