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Dear Parents:

As we mentioned in the E-Newsletter, we are excited to embark on our 2nd annual **Home for the Holidays**. Last year's feedback was really encouraging – so many families commented how nice it was to have this opportunity to share time and faith with their family. Of course, we can and should do this anytime, but this initiative seemed to give people more space to do so.

You may remember from last year. Instead of meeting up here for regular class, we are sending home materials (see back side) for you and your family to share faith with each other during the Advent season. No more having to juggle schedules and drive up here. You will be able to do the activities when you want, where you want in the comfy confines of your home without having to travel up here. ***Not only will this save time, but more importantly it will provide a great opportunity to share your thoughts, feelings and faith with one another.***

Find a time that works best for you (perhaps it is the time they are normally in their faith formation group). **Do the activities together as a family and then turn in the Completion Form to the Children's or Youth Ministry Office when you return in January.** You only need to turn in one Completion Form per family (not matter how many kids you may have).

Please let us know if you have any questions at all. We pray that you and your family have a wonderful Thanksgiving, Advent and Christmas Season! ***God Bless and we will see you at Mass!***

-Seton Faith Formation Staff

Second and Older Sacrament 2017

Advent Reflections

Complete the discussions with your family. Return this page to Children's Ministry January 7 & 10, 2018. **Do not Miss the Family Advent Activities in the Parish Hall on December 10, 2017, after the 8am and 10:00 am Masses.**

Discussion:

1. How can we make Advent special? What traditions does your family do to prepare for Christmas? (Examples: Decorate, display an Advent Wreath, pray and attend Mass?)

2. Read Luke 1:26- 38: How did Mary respond to the angel?

3. Read Luke 2:1-20: Discuss the Nativity, Who do we put in the Nativity (crèche) Why are they there? Let the children draw a picture of the Nativity if they would like.

4. Christ came to show us God's love and salvation. How can you work for love and peace in the world?

Make your family Advent plans. Commit to family prayer and time together every day. Say the following prayer or choose a different one each day. You can use the prayers on pages 73 & 74 of your Reconciliation books.

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, and be with us during Advent.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, and shine your love on us.

All: Come, Lord Jesus

Parent: Bless us, O Lord, all the days of our lives.

All: Come, Lord Jesus! Amen

Completion Form

We, as a family, have shared faith and completed the Home for the Holidays activities.

Student Names (please list all of your kids in the Faith Formation/CREW Program)

What we learned...

Feedback/Input (positive or negative) on the process or activities...

Parent Signature

Please turn this page in (one per family) to the Faith Formation Offices when you return in January. Thank you and God Bless!