

## **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR CHILDREN (RCIC)**

### **St. Michael's Parish 2018/2019**

Dear Parents,

As your child enters RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) at St. Michael's Parish, he/she will also begin a special year in their faith journey of becoming Catholic and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion. Sacraments are important moments in the lives of any young person and the Church wants to do the best it can to prepare children and their parents for these moments of grace.

It is with great joy and anticipation that St. Michael's Parish looks forward to working closely in partnership with you, the parents, to provide this preparation. **As your child's first and foremost teachers of the faith, your help and support are crucial!** If you would like your child to become Catholic, will require a *serious commitment* on your part as well as *commitment from your child's Godparents*. We ask you to please ensure that you and your child *attend Mass on Sundays and pray together as a family* (you will be provided "Strong Catholic Families" resources free of charge to help you pray as a family).

See below a list of dates and times that are ***VERY IMPORTANT AND NECESSARY for your child to attend***. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are not able to attend any of these dates and for what reason, so we can schedule a make-up date. Thank you for your commitment and support!

**PLEASE NOTE: All meetings will take place at St. Michael's Parish. Please use Cheapside Street- side entrance for Monday sessions.**

**Parent's Information Meeting will take place on Wednesday, November 7 at 5:30 pm in the Narthex.**

**Baptismal Preparation Class for Parents is ONLY needed if your child has NOT been baptized!**