



5136 N NOTTINGHAM AVE, CHICAGO, IL 60656 + (773) 763-1661 + WWW.STMONICACHICAGO.COM



October 15, 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians of First Communicants

On Sunday, October 15<sup>th</sup> during the 10:30 am Mass, students from second grade of the St. Monica Academy as well as Level Two from the Religious Education Program will participate in the Rite of Enrollment for First Holy Communion. At this Mass, the candidates will be presented to the congregation and a blessing will be placed upon them.

All candidates should gather in the foyer of the Church and will need to sign in for attendance (attendance is mandatory). They will then participate in the procession to the altar and sit in the reserved pews in the front. Each student will receive a booklet with the Rite of Enrollment. Please remind your child that **it is not** their First Holy Communion Day, so they are not receiving the Eucharist during this Mass. At the end of the Mass, children will come to the Altar to receive a special blessing. We ask your child to dress up appropriately for this day (no jeans, t-shirts or gym shoes.)

Please remember that this day is a mandatory part of your child's journey to receive the Eucharist. All Candidates must attend. After the Mass we will have a small reception in the Rzany Hall during which we will distribute reconciliation books to the First Communion children.

Thank you so much and we look forward to seeing you on October 15<sup>th</sup>.

With remembrance in prayer,

Sister Noemi