

Sacramental Preparation

First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

Children in grades 2 or higher may register for our First Reconciliation and First Communion classes. Children must have completed at least one year of catechism before registering for the Sacramental Preparation program. Children enrolled in one of the Catholic schools will attend only the Preparation classes.

The First Reconciliation is celebrated December 12, 2023 at 6:00PM during the CCD class session.

The First Communion Retreat and Practice will be April 27, 2024 at 10:30 to Noon. All children celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion must attend the retreat and practice.

Children who are not baptized in the Holy Family Parish, parents need to bring their child's Baptismal Certificate prior to the First Confession. To ensure that your child is included in preparation processes, please complete the [Sacrament Enrollment Form](#).

Confirmation

The Sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in Grades 6 and higher. Children must have completed at least one year of catechism before registering for the Confirmation Sacramental Preparation program. Students are expected to complete [Confirmation Registration](#). For more information please visit our Sacrament site.

REQUIREMENTS FOR THE RECEPTION OF FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

PARENTAL PARTICIPATION

Recognizing a parent's role as their child's primary educator and also their unique ability to judge their child's readiness to receive the sacraments, parental participation is required in the preparation program activities.

ATTENDANCE AT RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CLASSES

A thorough understanding of the sacraments can only be attained through regular attendance at Religious Education classes.

PARTICIPATION IN THE LITURGICAL/SACRAMENTAL LIFE OF THE PARISH

This participation is achieved through weekly attendance at Mass. Mass attendance goes hand in hand with the sacramental preparation program. One cannot do the work of the other. If your family is not already worshipping regularly with our parish family, you are invited most sincerely to join us each week in the celebration of the Mass.

ATTENDANCE AT ALL SUPPLEMENTAL ACTIVITIES/CLASSES

Various activities are planned to supplement the regular Religious Education program and to make this preparation process more meaningful. Therefore, attendance at the Enrollment Masses, additional activities and classes is mandatory for all students.

COMPLETION OF THE INFORMATION SHEET BY DECEMBER 1st

The information sheet that has been included in your packet must be completed for all children receiving First Reconciliation and First Eucharist regardless if they were baptized at Holy Family Church or at another church.

PRESENTATION OF A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE BY DECEMBER 1st

If your child was not baptized at Holy Family, presentation of a Baptismal Certificate is required. All original certificates will be returned as soon as the dates have been verified and a copy made.

DRESS CODE FOR FIRST EUCHARIST

Boys: A jacket and tie should be worn by all boys. The decision as to whether this should be a suit or blazer and slacks, as well as color, is a matter of family preference.

Girls: A white below-the-knee dress should be worn. Wearing a veil or spray of flowers in the hair is a matter of family preference. Gloves, purses, corsages should not be brought to Mass.

INFORMATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

CHILD'S NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY, STATE, ZIP: _____

FATHER'S FULL NAME: _____

MOTHER'S FULL NAME: _____

TELEPHONE: _____

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME: _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BIRTH: _____

CITY & STATE OF BIRTH: _____

CHILD'S DATE OF BAPTISM: _____

CHURCH OF BAPTISM: _____

CITY/STATE OF CHURCH: _____

If your child was **not** baptized at Holy Family Church, please attach a copy of the Baptismal Certificate to this form. If your child was baptized at Holy Family Church, there is no need for Baptismal Certificate.

If your child was **not** baptized at Holy Family Church and did not received First Holy Communion, please attach a copy of the Baptismal and First Holy Communion Certificate to this form.

**HOLY FAMILY PARISHIONER
CONFIRMATION SPONSOR CERTIFICATE**

I, _____, A REGISTERED MEMBER OF
HOLY FAMILY CHURCH, COLUMBUS, O.H., HAVE BEEN ASKED TO STAND AS A
SPONSOR FOR: _____.

IN ACCEPTING THIS RESPONSIBILITY, I TRUTHFULLY STATE THAT:

I HAVE RECEIVED THE SACRAMENTS OF BAPTISM AND
CONFIRMATION IN THE CATHOLIC CHURCH.

I AM AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE.

I ATTEND MASS REGULARLY ON SUNDAYS AND HOLY DAYS OF
OBLIGATION AND RECEIVE THE SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH
REGULARLY.

IF MARRIED, I WAS MARRIED ACCORDING TO CATHOLIC CHURCH
LAW.

I UNDERSTAND AND ACCEPT THE RESPONSIBILITY WHICH I UNDERTAKE AS A SPONSOR,
AND I PROMISE TO PAY SPECIAL ATTENTION TO:

IN HIS/HER EFFORTS TO LIVE A CATHOLIC LIFE THAT REFLECTS THE SPIRIT AND
TEACHING OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH, AND I AM PREPARED TO ASSIST THE PARENTS IN
THEIR CHRISTIAN DUTY BY MY SUPPORT, ENCOURAGEMENT AND PRAYER.

SIGNATURE OF SPONSOR