

Preparing for 1st Reconciliation and 1st Holy Communion



The Importance of Parents

Parents are the primary educators of their children in all things. This is especially true in matters of faith. In celebrating the Rite of Baptism of Infants; you publicly committed yourselves to form your children in the life of faith.

At that time; the priest or deacon said to you: "Parents; you have asked to have your child baptized. In doing so you are accepting the responsibility of training them in the practice of the faith. It will be your duty to bring him/her up to keep God's commandments as Christ taught us; by loving God and neighbor." (RB; 39)

As parents you have the right and duty to be intimately involved in the preparation of your child for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. We are here to assist you in this most important responsibility but we can never take over the necessary role of parents.

Our Sacramental preparation process is designed to give you; the parent; a greater understanding of your responsibility and commitment to the Catholic Christian Education of your child.

The greatest gift we can give our children is a fervent love of God.

Deuteronomy 11:18-19 Fix these words of mine in your hearts and minds; tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Teach them to your children; talking about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road; when you lie down and when you get up.

Catechism: #2223 "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children. They bear witness to this responsibility first by creating a home where tenderness; forgiveness; respect; fidelity; and disinterested services are the rule."

National Catechetical Directory: "Parents have a right and a duty to be intimately involved in preparing their children for (the sacraments)" #212.