



CATHEDRAL BASILICA OF CHRIST THE KING

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FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST PREPARATION

This brochure will outline some of the details related to the preparation of children for the celebration of First Reconciliation and the reception of First Eucharist at the Cathedral Basilica Parish. The most important preparation begins

at home as parents teach their child to know God through prayer and a life built on love. Celebrating God's love at Sunday Mass helps to strengthen your child's understanding of the faith and the communion we share as God's family. In the coming months they will come to know the mercy of God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) and the Lord's desire to be close to us in the Sacrament of the Eucharist (Holy Communion).

In baptism parents take on the role and responsibility of being the "first teachers" of their children in the faith. The Church assists parents in this important task by offering opportunities for catechesis – instruction in the faith – particularly in preparation for the Sacraments.

Our Parish Community is happy to assist you and joyfully anticipates celebrating the Sacraments with you and your child.

Our Parish preparation for these Sacraments will include some home study and some sessions at the parish. Please know that the parish sessions are an essential part of your child's preparation. Parents are expected to attend the sessions with their child. For the sake of mutual convenience you will note that the sessions are scheduled on Sunday mornings following the 9:00 a.m. Mass (you may wish to attend the 9 a.m. Mass or come to the session and stay for the 11:00 a.m. Mass).

To register your child for our parish preparation process and for the reception of these Sacraments at the Cathedral Basilica kindly complete the registration form. If your child was baptized in a parish other than the Cathedral you will need to attach a copy of his/her Baptismal Certificate. If you don't have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate, you can obtain one from the parish in which Baptism was celebrated.

Important Dates for First Reconciliation & First Eucharist

Parents and children will attend the following sessions in preparation for the celebration of the Sacraments.

FIRST RECONCILIATION

[Text – *We Celebrate Reconciliation*]

All sessions in the **Marian Chapel** (basement)

Sunday, February 26	(after 9 a.m. Mass)	Session 1
Sunday, March 5	(after 9 a.m. Mass)	Session 2

Celebration of 1st Reconciliation (Confession) will take place in the Cathedral Basilica on **Saturday, March 25** at **3:30 p.m.**

FIRST EUCHARIST

[Text – *We Celebrate Eucharist*]

All sessions in the **Marian Chapel** (basement)

Sunday, April 23	(after 9 a.m. Mass)	Session 1
Sunday, April 30	(after 9 a.m. Mass)	Session 2
Sunday, May 7	(after 9 a.m. Mass)	Session 3

Celebration of 1st Eucharist will take place in the Cathedral Basilica on **Saturday, May 13th** at **5:00 p.m. Mass.**

Cost?

To help defray the cost of the materials a donation of \$40 is requested at the time of registration. If there is a financial difficulty, please contact Father Dave.



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REGISTRATION FORM FOR 1ST RECONCILIATION & 1ST EUCHARIST 2017

Child's Name:

Given Name

Middle Name

Family Name

Complete Mailing Address:

Unit/Apartment # - House/Building #

Street

City

Postal Code

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Day/Month/Year

City/Town

Date of Baptism:

Church of Baptism:

Day/Month/Year

Name of Church

Place

Father

Father's First Name

Family Name

Religion

Mother

Mother's First Name

Family Name (BEFORE marriage)

Religion

Name of Child's School: _____

Grade: _____

OFFICE USE ONLY

Date Received: _____

Baptismal Certificate (Register # & page if Baptized at the Cathedral _____)

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