GUIDELINES FOR HOME–BASED CATECHESIS

A program of home-based catechesis must demonstrate the content of the faith and the experience of Christian life presented authentically and completely.

A program of home-based catechesis should include the following:

- Parents maintain regular contact with the pastor or his designate
- Families are active participants in parish life, e.g., Mass and participation in community events of the religious education program
- Parents must use the diocesan approved textbooks used by the parish

GUIDELINES FOR HOME–BASED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION WITHIN THE HOME–BASED CATECHESIS PROGRAM

If parish offers a structured sacramental preparation program during a child’s sacrament year, the parents are strongly encouraged to attend this program with their child.

If parents choose a program of home-based sacramental catechesis:

- Parents maintain regular contact with the pastor or his designate
- Parents must use the same sacramental textbook used by the parish
- Families participate in communal activities related to the sacrament, e.g., retreats or the service component for Confirmation
- Families participate in the parish communal rites for reception of the sacrament
- Pastor or his designate, along with the parents, determine the child’s readiness to receive the sacrament