

OLGSP RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION PREPARATION

Note: when an unbaptized person over the age of 7 is prepared to join the Catholic Church, the three Sacraments of Initiation are received at the same Mass: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. This is for anyone between the ages of 7-18, who have never been baptized in any church.

I, _____, parent or guardian of _____, understand that the following indications are necessary to show that my child is ready to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

1. Must provide valid Birth Certificate

2. Consistent Mass attendance on Sundays & Holy Days. **Students will receive a “Mass Ticket” from Father, which they will then turn in to their teacher, to keep track of Mass attendance.**

- Out of love for Jesus, we should desire to attend Mass regularly to receive nourishment and strength to live the Christian life.
- Father needs to know you and see that you attend.

3. Daily Prayer...Please work on prayers with the student at home.

4. Completed Formation

- Students must attend at least 80% of scheduled classes. (No more than six absences are allowed in normal circumstances.)
- A period of more intense instruction may be necessary.

5.. Discernment Interview with Pastor or trained and qualified delegate

- This interview will focus on the candidate’s lived relationship with Jesus, their understanding of Baptism, Confirmation, and the Real Presence of Jesus in the Holy Eucharist, and disposition to receive the sacraments.
- Please note: we are not judging worthiness. We are engaging in a process of discernment along with the candidate and the parents, in which it becomes apparent through prayer, discussion, and time that the candidate is ready to receive the sacrament, or still needs this or that in order to be ready

The student will be put on the list to receive the Sacraments of Initiation, only after all of the above requirements have been met, and the parents, the student, and the teacher discern that the student demonstrates proper readiness.

By signing below, Parent commits to bringing child to Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. Student commits to do his/her best work while preparing for the Sacraments of Initiation. All agree to make sacramental preparation and Mass attendance a family priority.

Student’s Signature _____ Parent’s Signature _____

Date: _____

(One copy to parents, one copy for file)

(AFTER TIME OF PREPARATION)

We, the undersigned, acknowledge the above indications to be present and accounted for:

Candidate: _____ Teacher _____

Parents: _____ Pastor _____

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NOTE: First Reconciliation takes place AFTER receiving the Sacraments of Initiation. There will be a period of instruction so that the candidate can:

a. Demonstrate an understanding of sin and the 4 components of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (contrition, confession, satisfaction, and absolution. See CCC 1448, 1492)

b. Demonstrate knowledge in a practical manner on how to go to confession, using any guides that would be helpful.

c. Demonstrate an understanding that they should begin receiving the sacrament regularly after receiving First Reconciliation.