

## Sacrament Preparation Policy and Guidelines

Please read carefully

### Sacrament Eligibility Requirements for the 2021-2022 Academic Year

- Enrolled in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade or above
- Completed one (1) year of faith formation during the 2020-2021 academic year. (Enrollment in a St. Michael Children Faith Formation program or in a Catholic School fulfills this requirement).
- and*
- Enrolled in St. Michael Children Faith Formation program or Catholic school during the 2021-2022 academic year.
- and*
- Baptized in the Catholic Faith.

It is a requirement that your child be enrolled in the Sacrament Preparation program in addition to attending St. Michael Catholic School, The Regis School, Duchesne Academy or Sunday Faith Formation at St. Michael the Archangel. Registration for sacrament preparation is on the parish website at [www.stmichaelchurch.net/sacrament-preparation](http://www.stmichaelchurch.net/sacrament-preparation).

***\*\*Attendance at a Catholic School does not guarantee eligibility for reception of the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.***

### Parent Responsibilities in Sacrament Preparation

- Provide a copy of your child's baptism certificate if your child was baptized at St. Michael Catholic Church – required on the registration form.
- Provide a copy of the baptism certificate if your child was **not** baptized at St. Michael Catholic Church – required on the registration form.
- Attend introductory parent meeting for Sacrament Preparation in September/October 2021.
- Teach your child the content in the student books according to the schedule of lessons distributed at the parent meeting.
- Attend one (1) First Reconciliation Workshop with your child in November/December 2021 and one (1) First Eucharist Workshop in late February/March 2022. Each workshop is generally no longer than two (2) hours. It is preferred that both parents attend although only one parent is required to attend.
- Read, sign and comply with the mandatory dress code for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

### Celebration of the Sacrament of First Eucharist at St. Michael the Archangel

- First Eucharist takes place during regularly scheduled Masses in May 2022.
- St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church provides a photographer for each First Eucharist Mass.
- All photographs are taken by the parish photographer after the conclusion of the Mass.
- The parish photographer takes one group photo, one photo of each First Communicant with the Celebrant and one photo of the child receiving Eucharist.
- Due to the rapid succession of Masses, no other photos are taken in the church or with the Celebrant.
- Photos and First Eucharist certificates will be available for pick-up in the parish office by mid-June.

## Sacrament Dress Guidelines

### First Reconciliation “Sunday Best”

#### Girls

- \*A nice dress of appropriate length (no shorter than the top of the knee, no longer than the ankle) or nice slacks and blouse/sweater.
- \*No jeans, shorts, or leggings.
- \*Top of shoulders and back of shoulders must be covered. It is recommended that the girls wear a sweater to stay warm in the church.
- \*No sleeveless dresses.
- \*Dress shoes or sandals with a back. No backless shoes.
- \*No flip flops, high heels, Toms, or any type of sneaker.

#### Boys

- \*Dress slacks in traditional colors: navy, black, gray, khaki, or white.
- \*White or ivory dress shirt, tucked in.
- \*Nice sweater or blazer.
- \*Tie (traditional, understated color; not bright, loud or neon).
- \*Black or brown belt.
- \*Socks.
- \*Black or brown leather dress shoes.
- \*No sneakers, Vans, Converse, or flip flops. No neon colored Sperry topsiders.
- \*No shorts, sport jerseys, sport uniform or sport attire, or jeans.

## First Eucharist Dress Guidelines

#### Girls

- \*A white, ivory, or crème colored short sleeve dress of appropriate length (no shorter than the top of the knee, no longer than the ankle). Sleeveless dresses, dresses with spaghetti straps or halter top dresses are not permitted.
- \*Top of shoulders and back of shoulders must be covered. It is recommended that the girls wear a light white sweater to stay warm in the church.
- \*Girls must wear a veil. ***Veils are not optional*** and must be pinned securely. No flower halos or flowers in the hair. Flowers cannot be worn in lieu of a veil. A veil will be provided by the parish if a child arrives at the church without one.
- \*White or crème colored dress shoes or sandals with a back. No backless shoes.
- \*No flip flops, high heels, Toms, or any type of sneaker.
- \*No shawls, gloves or purses.
- \*Rosaries, prayer books, and candles may be presented after the Mass if a family wants them blessed.

#### Boys

- \*A suit, or coat and tie ensemble.
- \*Dress slacks in traditional color: navy, black, gray, khaki, or white.
- \*White or ivory dress shirt. No other colors are permitted.
- \*Tie (traditional, understated color; nothing bright, loud or neon).
- \*Black or brown belt.
- \*Socks

\*Black or brown leather dress shoes.

\*No sneakers, Vans, Converse, or flip flops. No neon colored Sperry topsiders.

\*Rosaries, prayer books, and candles may be presented after the Mass if a family wants them blessed.

Children enrolled at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic School, The Regis School, Duchesne Academy, or any other Catholic elementary school, are not required to attend *Sunday Faith Formation* classes since they receive faith formation at school. However, they are required to enroll and participate in the parish *Sacrament Preparation* program which requires submission of sacrament records, attendance at parent meetings, retreats rehearsals and workshops, and completion of all reading and writing assignments. **Fulfilling all policies, guidelines and expectations, attendance at all meetings, workshops and retreats, and completion of the textbook & worksheets are required for a child to be considered eligible to receive the Sacraments at St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church.** Failure to comply with all requirements and expectations will result in a child's ineligibility to receive the sacraments during the current academic year.

*I understand my role in my child's sacrament preparation, and I agree that our family will fulfill all the requirements listed above. I understand that not fulfilling one or more of the requirements will result in delaying my child's celebration of First Reconciliation and/or First Eucharist.*

Parent signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name (please print): \_\_\_\_\_