

OLGC Sacramental Preparation for Grades 1-12

SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion



Norm #53. Content for Catechesis: For children baptized as infants, preliminary preparation takes place in the first grade or earlier and a more intentional and focused preparation for first Penance, Confirmation, and first Holy Communion takes place in the second grade.

Norm #72. Catechesis for Baptized Children Older than the Age of Discretion Needing to Receive Confirmation and First Holy Communion: In the case of baptized children who are older than the age of discretion, a catechetical approach tailored to their needs should be offered which should prepare them for Confirmation and first Holy Communion. The length of time required should consider the catechetical needs and faith experience of the person and parental and family involvement. A one-year catechesis plan is acceptable for those with a strong background of involvement in the faith and higher levels of parental and family participation. **Pastors may extend the catechesis plan for children with no prior faith experience.**

Note: A personal interview with one of our parish priests and/or the program director may be required of any of the Candidates preparing to receive the Sacraments.

IMPORTANT NOTE for OLGC parishioners who have children in any of the Catholic Schools and your son/daughter is in need of sacramental preparation: Parents, you have the responsibility to notify both the school and the parish no later than **NOVEMBER 1, 2018** that your child is in need of preparation to receive any or all of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion.

CHILD NEEDING ALL 3 OF THE SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION

If child is entering Grade 1:

- Schedule an appointment with Parish Priest for Baptism
- Enroll in Religious Education classes offered on Sunday mornings by the **registration deadline of 08/11/18.**
- Participate in mandatory Sacramental Preparation workshops / retreats. Dates and times TBA
- Must have good attendance in all aspects of the program.
- Child will receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and Holy Communion the following session year

If child is entering Grades 2-12:

- Enroll in the R.C.I.A. for Children Program by the registration deadline of 08/11/18. Class date and time TBA
- Participate in mandatory Sacramental Preparation workshops / retreats. Dates and times TBA
- Must have good attendance in all aspects of the program.
- Youth in grades 6-12 are encouraged to also participate in the Youth Ministry Programs for either Middle School or High School (CYM)

CHILD NEEDING HOLY COMMUNION AND/OR CONFIRMATION

If child is entering Grade 2:

- Enroll in Religious Education classes offered on Sunday mornings by the **registration deadline of 08/11/18.**
- Participate in mandatory Sacramental Preparation workshops / retreats. Dates and times TBA
- Must have good attendance in all aspects of the program.
- Child will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation this session year

If child is entering Grade 3 – 12:

- Enroll in the Sacramental Preparation Program by the **registration deadline of 08/11/18.**
- Participate in mandatory Sacramental Preparation workshops / retreats. Dates and times TBA
- Must have good attendance in all aspects of the program.
 - Grades 3-5 Sunday Mornings
 - Grades 6-12 Class date and time TBA
- Child will receive the Sacraments of Holy Communion and/or Confirmation this session year
- Youth in grades 6-12 are also **required** to participate in the Youth Ministry Programs for either Middle School or High School (CYM) and have good attendance in all aspects of the program.