

To parents of children preparing to receive a sacrament this year at Holy Trinity Parish:

Registering for religious education classes for your child in a year in which a sacrament will be celebrated (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1st Communion and Confirmation) should only occur when the following requirements have been met.

1. First and foremost, most especially with your child, your family must be regularly attending Sunday masses at Holy Trinity Parish throughout the year. Sacraments are celebrated within the Holy Mass and thus strong knowledge of the mass and prayers goes without saying.
2. In the past year your child must have attended a minimum of one full year of religious formation in an RE program here at Holy Trinity or another parish. If another parish, then you will need to have the DRE send us a letter stating what years your child attended RE classes.
3. Your family must be current registered parishioners at Holy Trinity, and to whatever extent possible, be participating in the Life of the Church by attending parish events outside of Mass.
4. Class attendance is mandatory. Should a student have to miss classes, arrangements will need to be made with the DRE to either make up the classes or postpone the sacrament to the following year. Missing more than 3 classes will result in a review by the DRE to postpone the sacrament for your child.
5. Attendance at a daytime retreat for Confirmation will be required by all students preparing to receive this sacrament. Holy Trinity will offer a retreat but if a scheduling conflict arises, parents will need to contact another parish to attend a retreat that works for their schedule. A letter from that parish confirming the registration is required as well as a letter confirming attendance following the retreat.

It is easy to see this as a restrictive document but rather I see this as one of the pinnacle moments in your child's salvation. The sheer importance of the sacrament and your child's ability to understand and grow spiritually from and in the sacrament depends totally on his or her knowledge of the sacrament within the context of the mass and as members of God's Church. Therefore I ask that you make a solemn commitment to them by signing below and returning this form to the office. A copy will be made and sent back to you.

***AS A PARENT OF A CHILD PREPARING TO RECEIVE A HOLY SACRAMENT THIS YEAR I AM COMMITTED TO DEMONSTRATING THE IMPORTANCE OF FAITH IN MY LIFE. TO THAT END I COMMIT TO THE FIVE COMPONENTS ABOVE AND WILL STRIVE TO MEET THEM EACH WEEK.***

**SIGNED:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRINT STUDENT NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_