



## Who may prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion?

\* Any baptized child seven years of age and older

### **AND**

\* Who has participated in Catholic Religious Education for the prior year(s): If the child is in the second grade, he/she has completed the first grade. If the child is in the third grade, he/she has completed the second grade in a religious education class or Catholic School.

**If your child is not baptized or has not participated in Catholic Religious Education, please refer to the Rite of Christian Initiation (RCI).**

The Sacrament of Holy Communion is only made when the child has made their 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation must be completed 3 months prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> Communion date) and passed a simple interview given by the child's RE teacher or Catholic School teacher. The interview is based on the material obtained at the Parent Training Sessions listed below.

### **How do I register for their First (Initiation) Sacraments (Reconciliation and Eucharist)?**

To register for First Sacraments turn in a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate to the Faith Formation Office. A copy is needed by the Faith Formation Office for every child, even if the child was baptized at Ave Maria.

Parent Communion Training is:

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in Dwyer Hall

Or

Saturday, February 26<sup>th</sup> at 9am in Dwyer Hall

Training sessions are meant only for the Parents. At least one parent should attend one of the above trainings. No RSVP for the class is necessary; however, **reservations for child care must be made at 720.842.4103**. At these trainings, you will be hearing a presentation by the priests and will obtain your materials to study with your child.

### **How are children prepared for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist?**

Instructions for these Sacraments are done by the Parents/Guardians. Parents/Guardians are required to participate in the sacramental classes offered in order to prepare their child(ren) for Reconciliation (Confession/Penance) and Holy Communion (Eucharist). One session is required for each sacrament. Although the parents are ultimately responsible for their child's preparation, there will be a strong emphasis in their classroom as well.