

Dear Parents,

In the name of the Catholic community in this parish of....., I welcome you and your child/children as you begin this formal journey of sacramental preparation.

I invite you to take part in some information sessions where members of the parish team will explore with you what it means to support your child as he/she prepares to celebrate the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation.

During the information sessions, you will hear about the theology (or Church teaching) of each of the sacraments as they mark different stages in the faith journey of your child within this parish community. In addition to hearing about the theology of the sacraments, practical suggestions and resources will be offered to assist you as you support your child in this important and formative part of their journey in faith.

We hope that by coming along to share these sessions with other families, you will experience support and feel more confident about sharing your faith during this important time in the life of your child and in your family. The parish community wishes to support you and your family in practical ways in this preparation, as well as by praying for and with you and your child. We hope that your understanding of the sacramental life will also deepen as you proceed through each of the sessions in this program.

As we journey together during this important time of preparation, I pray that our community will grow strong in faith and in providing the witness, support and example your child will need for the journey.

Kathy Horan