



Immaculate Conception Church
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Dear Parents:

SUBJECT: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (1st Reconciliation / 1st Eucharist)

I wish to share good news with you! As a Grade Two student at Immaculate Conception Elementary or Monsignor O'Donoghue, your child is a potential candidate for the reception of the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist.

With the support and engagement of you as parents, the parish, and the Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your child in their preparation to receive these sacraments.

The Diocese of Peterborough has brought the parishes together to offer a *Sacramental Preparation Program* that is consistent in form and content. This initiative is designed to assist the home, school, and parish in nurturing the faith of your child as you prepare them for receiving these sacraments.

All of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide *Religious and Family Life Education* for your child and the parishes provide the *Sacramental Preparation Programs*. As such, the following are the details for the **First Holy Communion** program being offered at Immaculate Conception Parish:

- There will be one session per month and the sessions will run 90 minutes in length.
- Catechists from the parish community will facilitate the *Sacramental Preparation Program* with your child.
- The program is required for your child to understand the significance of the sacraments and to receive these sacraments this year.
- Dates for these sessions are on the following Thursdays from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Session 1	October 27, 2022
Session 2	November 24, 2022
Session 3	December 22, 2022
Session 4 & Retreat	January 26, 2023

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

Session 1	February 23, 2023
Session 2	March 23, 2022
Session 3	April 27, 2023
Retreat	May 25, 2023

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION MASS: Sunday, June 11, 2023 at 9:30 a.m.

There is a fee of \$50 to help offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, *Celebrate and Remember Reconciliation* and *Celebrate and Remember Eucharist*. Kindly bring the completed registration form, their baptism certificate and the fee **to the parish office before the first session on October 27th**. The registration form and program overview can be found on the Sacraments page of our website: <https://www.immaculatepeterborough.ca/sacraments>

As pastor, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop in following Canon Law and Diocesan Policies to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of the sacraments for your child. If your child has not yet been baptized, please feel welcome to contact me at your earliest convenience.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive these sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at Immaculate Conception Parish.

God bless,



Fr. Stephen DeCarlo
Pastor