

Catechetical Studies for First Reconciliation & First Communion



WHO is this for?

- Our program is for children who are not currently attending Catholic Elementary schools, and are private, public or home schooled.
- Participants must reside in our parish boundaries and parents are asked to ensure the family is registered. Please contact the parish office for registration information if required.

WHAT is Catechetical Studies?

- It is sacramental preparation for children wishing to receive First Communion (commonly in Grade 2) as well as Confirmation (commonly in Grade 7).
- It brings together families preparing for the sacraments creating a small community of learners and caregivers who explore the sacraments, prepare for the reception of the sacraments, and gather in prayer and a commitment to the Catholic faith.

What to Know About Catechetical Studies:

- The preparation for First Communion also includes preparation and reception of First Reconciliation (confession).
- This program is intended for children in private/public/home school environments only.
- This program is a combination of in-person meetings at the parish, and some at-home reading and discussions. In-person meetings require a parent or caregiver to attend with the child.
- Parents who register their child **MUST** commit to the child attending the scheduled meetings for their sacrament and must have a parent or care giver join them for each meeting. It is important that preparation for Catholic sacraments come before extracurricular activities or travel plans.
- There is a nominal fee of \$60 which covers the cost of the materials used in the formation.

When does sacramental preparation take place?

Meeting Dates – Required In-Person Attendance:

- #1: Thursday February 4th, 2027 @ 6:30 pm (approx. 1 hour)
- #2: Thursday March 4th, 2027 @ 6:30 pm (approx. 1 hour)
- #3: Thursday April 8th, 2027 @ 6:30 pm (approx. 1 hour)
- #4: Thursday April 29th, 2027 @ 6:30 pm (approx. 1 hour)
- #5: Thursday May 13th, 2027 @ 6:30 pm (approx. 90 minutes)

Celebration of First Communion:

- Saturday May 15th, 2027, at the parish 5:00 pm Mass.

What are the next steps?

- If you wish your child to prepare for First Communion this year please email Arden Ouellette, Pastoral Minister, aouellette@hamiltondiocese.com and provide your name, your child's name and grade and school attending.
- You will receive a link to the online registration form and further details at that time.