



LETTER TO PARENT OF CANDIDATE FOR SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Dear Parent/s,

Congratulations for having decided to enroll your child to the St. Bartholomew Parish Sacramental Preparation Program in preparation for her/ his reception of Confirmation, an important step in her/ his full initiation into the Body of Christ.

Mother Church rejoices in thanksgiving to God for you, Catholic parents, who are the first transmitters of the faith and of authentically human and Christian values to your children.

St. Bartholomew Parish, specifically its volunteer catechists, would like to be of help to you in your task as the principal educators in life and faith of your children.

The Eucharist (Communion) should not respond only to a religious cultural tradition; rather it is mode of life proper to the baptized. For this reason, we hope that the catechetical preparation of your child should be an integral part of your option to live the Christian faith in your family (cf. Code of Canon Law 890; CCC 1666).

The SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION strengthens the baptized and obliges them more firmly to be witnesses of Christ by word and deed and to spread and defend the faith. It imprints a character, enriches by the gift of the Holy Spirit the baptized continuing on the path of Christian initiation, and binds them more perfectly to the Church [cf. Code of Canon Law. 879]

In the AGREEMENT BETWEEN PARENTS AND THE PARISH CATECHETICAL TEAM, you will find minimal conditions that we hold to be necessary and coherent to your choice to prepare your child for Confirmation- to be and become active member of the Church.

May I invite you to consider them attentively, not as legalistic requirement but as indispensable foundation without which the objective —the celebration of the Sacrament Confirmation — would become meaningless.

As your priest and pastor here at St. Bartholomew, may I ask to be able to count on your support, with your sense of faith and, most of all, of your love for the Lord and for your child, to transmit to her /him the faith and educate her /him in the values of the Gospel.

I, together with our parish community and in particular our parish volunteer catechists looking forward to assist you and your child in his/her preparation to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation and to receive the Holy Communion.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Our Divine Teacher,

Reverend Fernan Serrano

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As parent/s, primary educators in the life and faith of our child preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion, I/we commit to cooperate fully with the Parish to prepare her /him to receive the Sacraments.

(PLEASE SIGN WITH YOUR INITIAL]

_____ I/ We will send our child diligently to attend the Sacramental Preparation Program. I/We understand that three unjustified (3) absences and without excuse will put into question the sincerity of our commitment.

_____ I/ We will give the catechetical lessons that will correspond to us and which will be indicated by the Catechetical Team.

_____ I/ We shall live our Christian faith at home by praying and promoting Christian virtues.

_____ I/ We, as the first teacher/s of faith to my/ our child we will accompany him to every Sunday Mass and on Holy Days. To fail four (4) times attendance within the year without serious reason is not coherent to our option.

_____ I/ We will encourage our child's attendance and active participation in the sacramental preparation.

_____ I/ We shall participate in the Parents' Meeting and will collaborate with the catechists to correct any bad conduct or incoherent behavior.

_____ I/ We will attend interview prior to the celebration of Reconciliation and Communion to assess the child's readiness and intention to receive the Sacrament.

(PLEASE, PRINT)

Name of the child: _____

Name of parent: _____

Signature of the parent/ legal guardian: _____

Phone number: _____ Email address: _____

Received by: [OFFICE USE ONLY]

Date: _____