

## 2022-2023 First Reconciliation/First Holy Eucharist

Parent Meeting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> 7:15 p.m.

### Things to know:

- ★ **Parents must be involved in the faith education of their children.** It is the fulfillment of your baptismal promise to raise your child in the faith given to your child at baptism. This might be a major reason that you have enrolled your child(ren) at IHM School or PSR. As Bishop Malesic recently reiterated, “The parish is not intended to supplant parents as the primary Christian educators of their children.” He goes on to write, “Pastors must continually encourage and assist parents so they may provide proper catechetical formation for their children.”
- ★ **IHM School and PSR partner with you to prepare your child for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist.** But YOU play the primary role. Indeed, your own level of understanding and formation is more important than your child’s understanding at this age. IHM parish provides adult faith formation to all parents during the sacramental years of 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The formation series we give you is engaging, solid catholic teaching. It is easy to follow and you can work on it at home over the course of several months.

### Parent Formation for **First Reconciliation**: Due Dec. 3rd

- 1) Watch this free video (30min): <https://watch.formed.org/forgiven/season:1/videos/embraced-in-mercy-the-rite-explained>
  - Using any device go to FORMED.org and sign up by entering your email address, using IHM Cuyahoga Falls as your home parish.
  - Navigate to the Programs tab, then The Sacraments, *Forgiven #3 Embraced in Mercy*. Only #3 is mandatory. Feel free to watch all of them if you wish.
- 2) Use the corresponding *Forgiven* PDF study guide in the folder to follow along. Bring it with you (completed) at First Reconciliation on Saturday December 3<sup>rd</sup>

### Parent Formation for **First Holy Eucharist (Communion)**: Due April 22, 2023

- 1) Watch these free videos (30min each): *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist* and watch Sessions 1, 2, 3.
  - Using any device go to FORMED.org, Programs tab, Sacraments, *Presence: The Mystery of the Eucharist*. Sessions 1, 2, and 3 are mandatory. Session 4 is optional but AMAZING!
- 2) Use the corresponding *Presence* PDF study guide in the folder to follow along with the sessions. #4 study guide is included but not mandatory. Bring completed study guide to Jesus Day on April 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 3) <https://watch.formed.org/presence>

These videos and study guides are only required one time. It is assumed and recommended that parents watch the videos together and fill out the study guide together. If this is not possible, watch separately and talk about the content, but one of you must fill out and turn in the study guide. Do the best you can!

### Things to do soon:

- ✓ Send Julie Bowling registration form ASAP via IHM teacher or PSR teacher or just take pic of filled out form and send to [jbowling@ihmcfo.org](mailto:jbowling@ihmcfo.org)  
  
(Red Dot on outside of folder means that we have received your registration)
- ✓ Email Julie Bowling [jbowling@ihmcfo.org](mailto:jbowling@ihmcfo.org) the following for Bio and Pic in bulletin:  
  
**1)** First name and last initial of your child. **2)** What they like to do outside of school (favorite animal, food, sport, activity etc...) **3)** a picture of your child. **4)** Ask your child and include one sentence about how he/she is feeling about making their First Reconciliation and First Communion. This is put in the bulletin to allow the entire parish to pray for your child.
- ✓ Come to Mass each week but especially on **Sunday October 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:00 Mass** so your child can be presented to the parish at Mass. Sit in any pew. Your child will be called forward along with all the other Candidates after the homily.

### Things to do in 2023:

- ✓ Make sure you take the *My Mass Book* with you to every Mass so your child can follow along.
- ✓ Finish watching *Presence* and study guide. Turn in at Jesus Day
- ✓ Come to Jesus Day and First Communion Practice with your child **Saturday April 23<sup>rd</sup> 9:30 a.m.-noon**. Meet in the APR. You will also draw your pew that day.
- ✓ **First Holy Eucharist is Sunday May 7<sup>th</sup> at 12:00**. Please come to IHM church by 11:15 for a professional group photo. Each family will be given a free group photo by the end of the school/PSR year.

**Q:** What should my child wear to First Reconciliation?

**A:** Clothes that are appropriate for Mass. No denim jeans, sports jerseys, shorts or crop tops.

**Q:** What should my child wear for First Communion?

**A:** Boys should wear a suit and tie if possible, or a nice dress shirt and dress pants. No denim jeans, torn or ripped clothing, sports jerseys or sneakers.

Girls should wear a nice white dress that goes down past their knees. If a white dress is not available, then a light-colored dress would be appropriate. Traditionally, a small veil (not covering the face) is also worn by girls. This is not mandatory.