



SAINT PATRICK CHURCH

To: Parents of Students in grades 2 through 12
From: Children's Religious Education and Catholic Youth Ministry
Subject: Preparation for Sacraments

Formal preparation for Sacraments for Children (PreK–grade 5) and Youth (6th–12th grade) in Saint Patrick parish is available as part of the Children's Religious Education and Catholic Youth Ministry programs. Children and youth who are baptized Roman Catholic and who are second grade or above, and who have not yet received First Penance or First Communion are eligible to begin preparation for those Sacraments. Youth who are in tenth grade or above are eligible to begin preparation for Confirmation.

The Diocesan Policy for Sacrament preparation states that a child must have one full year of religious education in a Catholic school or parish program during the preceding year before the child begins the formal period of Sacrament preparation.

Children who are preparing for Sacraments must be currently enrolled in Saint Patrick School or the appropriate parish Religious Education program and must have been baptized Catholic. **A Baptismal Certificate must be on file before participation in Sacrament preparation can begin.**

If your child or youth has not yet received First Penance and First Communion and/or Confirmation, and you believe your child is ready for preparation, please complete the Sacrament Preparation Registration form on the back of this letter and return it to the church office. Registration in Children's Religious Education and/or Catholic Youth Ministry programs **is not** registration for Sacrament preparation. After we receive your registration **and** baptism certificate you will be sent detailed information about the preparation process including a schedule of meetings and events that you and your child will need to attend.

If your child is not baptized, or is baptized Christian (not Catholic) and is near the age of seven or older, please contact the church office for further information. Adults (age 18 and over) who are interested in Sacrament preparation of Initiation into the Catholic Church are welcome to inquire also.

You are always welcome to call if you have any questions at 323-2410 x107.