

Our Lady of Grace Roman Catholic Church

15347 Yonge Street, Aurora, Ontario L4G 1N7

Tel: 905-727-4594 Fax: 905-727-9114

First Communion & First Reconciliation Letter

October 22, 2019

Dear Parents,

Grade two is the year that we prepare children for first Communion and first Reconciliation. We look forward to celebrating first reconciliation in March with your child.

The process for the preparation for these sacraments begins with coming to mass on Saturday at 5:00 pm or on Sunday at 8:15 am, 10:00 am, 12:00 noon or 7:00 pm and requesting a first Communion enrolment form from one of the pastoral team members. Complete this enrolment form and return it on a later Saturday or Sunday to the same folks when you are at mass. We will be collecting forms over the weeks ahead. **Please enrol by Sunday, February 2, 2020.** We thank you in advance for your cooperation with this process.

Why are we asking you to pick up this form at mass on the weekend? Participation in Sunday mass is a central expression of our Catholic way of life and is intrinsic to preparing a child for first Communion. We rejoice at a child's first Communion because it is a promise of many more communions to come in the weeks, months and years ahead,

If in fact your family worships in another Catholic parish it is not unreasonable that you approach that parish about first Communion. If your family is actively involved in an Evangelical, Pentecostal or other Christian church, I would encourage you to discuss with your minister whether to proceed with first Communion.

After enrolment the next step will be to attend a parent meeting. There will be two, of which we will ask you to attend one. There we will discuss the celebration of Reconciliation and Communion. Information on those dates are on the bottom of the enrolment form.

Let me take this opportunity to thank the teachers of our schools for the work they do in assisting you and the parish in preparing your children for first Reconciliation and first Communion.

With Best Regards,

Fr. Francis V. McDevitt

Pastor