



Immaculate Conception Church
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September 4th, 2024

Dear Parents:

SUBJECT: FIRST HOLY COMMUNION (1st Reconciliation / 1st Eucharist)

I wish to share good news with you! As a Grade Two student at Immaculate Conception Elementary or Monsignor O'Donoghue, your child is a potential candidate for the reception of the sacraments of 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist.

With the support and engagement of you as parents, the parish, and the Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your child in their preparation to receive these sacraments.

The Diocese of Peterborough has brought the parishes together to offer a *Sacramental Preparation Program* that is consistent in form and content. This initiative is designed to assist the home, school and parish in nurturing the faith of your child as you prepare them for receiving these sacraments.

All of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide *Religious and Family Life Education* for your child and the parishes provide the *Sacramental Preparation Programs*. Catechists from the parish community facilitate the *Sacramental Preparation Program* with your child. This program is required for your child to understand the significance of the sacraments and to receive these sacraments this year.

The following are the details for the **First Holy Communion** program being offered at Immaculate Conception Parish. All sessions will be held from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the parish hall:

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

- Wednesday, September 18th (includes parent meeting with Fr. Jozef Vano)
- Wednesday, October 2nd
- Wednesday, October 16th
- Wednesday, November 6th
- Wednesday, November 20th

Celebration of First Reconciliation: Wednesday, November 27th at 6:00 p.m.

SACRAMENT OF EUCHARIST

- Wednesday, January 29th
- Wednesday, February 12th
- Wednesday, February 26th
- Wednesday, March 26th
- Saturday, April 2nd
- Retreat Date: To be determined
- Rehearsal date: Wednesday, April 30th at 6:00 p.m.

Celebration of First Eucharist: Sunday, May 4th at 9:30 a.m. Mass

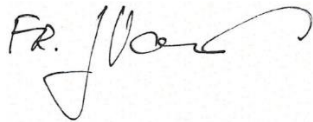
There is a fee of \$50 to help offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, *Signs of Grace You are Forgiven—Reconciliation* and *Signs of Grace You are Loved—Eucharist*. Kindly bring the completed registration form, their baptism certificate and the fee **to the parish office before the first session on September 18th**. The registration form and program overview can be found on the Sacraments page of our website: <https://www.immaculatepeterborough.ca/sacraments>

As pastor, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop in following Canon Law and Diocesan Policies to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of the sacraments for your child. If your child has not yet been baptized, please feel welcome to contact me at your earliest convenience.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive these sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at Immaculate Conception Parish.

God bless,



Fr. Jozef Vano
Pastor