

SACRAMENTAL PREP - CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

FIRST PENANCE AND FIRST COMMUNION:

Since their school curriculum includes preparation for both sacraments, Catholic school students are not required to attend parish Religious Education classes in preparation for First Penance or Eucharist. However, they are always most welcome to join our Religious Education classes at any time.

For Catholic school families, our parish program offers parent meetings for each sacrament, a special one-day retreat for all First Communicants in the parish, as well as, liturgy planning for both sacraments and rehearsals for First Communion day.

Catholic school students should be enrolled in the parish program in the fall of grade two. Special registration forms are available in the principal's office or parish Religious Education Office for children who would like to celebrate First Penance and Eucharist at St. Michael's.

CONFIRMATION:

According to the guidelines of the Boston Archdiocese, students who attend Catholic high school are expected to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation within their parish community*. Therefore, the religious studies curriculum in our Catholic high schools does not include preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Instead, preparation for Confirmation falls under the responsibilities of the pastor and parish religious education program and, most importantly, within the parish community.

Recognizing their religious studies at school, students from St. Michael Parish who attend Catholic high schools need only to complete the second level of our Confirmation program. Teens from other parishes who attend Hudson Catholic High School will be welcomed into our Confirmation program with the permission of their our pastor*.

Catholic high school students should be registered in the program at the beginning of their 10th grade to be confirmed the following spring. Students in grades 11 and 12 who have not been confirmed are also most welcome in our non-graded program.

Students who attend eight years of catholic school and are continuing their high school education in a public school should enroll in the high school program in the beginning of grade 9 to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

*For the purpose of defining one's "parish community" we are referring to the parish where the family is registered and where they worship.

EXTENDED PROGRAMS

CLASSES FOR CHILDREN WITH SPECIAL NEEDS:

Whenever possible, children with special needs will be included in our regular schedule of classes. If your child has a classroom aid at school, please let us know in advance, as we will need to be sure that someone is available to help them in Religious Education classes as well.