

PARISH SACRAMENTAL POLICY.

RATIONALE:

Sacramental preparation is an on-going process which starts at birth and continues through life to death.

Sacramental preparation takes place primarily in the home and is supported by the Parish community. The sacramental experience does not just happen at church - it can take place within the family, in groups, at work or at play.

A sacrament is a festive action in which Christians come together to celebrate their lived experience and to call to heart their common story. The journey through the Sacraments of Initiation begins with Baptism and concludes with Eucharist and Confirmation. These Rites of Initiation are celebrated within the context of the Parish community.

We wish to assist you in any way we can in the ongoing education of your child as part of their faith journey and

preparation to receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

ENROLMENTS:

Enrolments are only accepted from families living within the parish boundaries which includes Ivanhoe, Ivanhoe East, Ivanhoe West & Eaglemont.

Please Note:

Previous enrolment at one of the three Ivanhoe Parish schools whilst living in other areas does not guarantee enrolment in the sacramental program. It is recommended that preparation for sacraments take place in the parish in which the catechist resides.

In order to enrol your child in any of the Sacramental programs offered in the Catholic Parish of Ivanhoe, please contact the Parish Office 9499 1515.

Enrolments for **ALL SACRAMENTS** - Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation close

Friday 5th March 2010.

Late enrolments not always possible

EUCHARIST:

Children will be in **Grade 3** or above.

To assist you in preparing your child to join the community at the Eucharistic table we offer the following program:

1. Parish Community Information Evening with the Parish Priest
2. Catechist classes
3. Practice in the Church
4. Celebration of the Sacrament

CONFIRMATION:

Children will be in **Grade 6** or above

To assist you in preparing your child to complete their Christian Initiation through Confirmation we offer the following program:

1. Parish Community Information Evening with the Parish Priest
2. Catechist classes
3. Rite of Enrolment - Sunday Masses
4. Retreat Day
5. Preparation morning for Confirmation at Cathedral
6. Celebration of the Sacrament

RECONCILIATION:

Children will be in **Grade 3** or above.

To assist you in preparing your child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time we offer the following program

1. Parish Community Conversation with the Parish Priest
2. Information Evening
3. Home based Work Program
4. Gathering prior to Sacrament
5. Celebration of Sacrament

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Fees:

There is a charge of \$40.00 per child for each Sacrament.

Dress.

Children should be dressed in clothing that marks the day as a special occasion.

Photography/Videos.

The use of cameras/videos during liturgical services is discouraged in order to respect the sacred nature of the liturgy.

A CELTIC BLESSING.

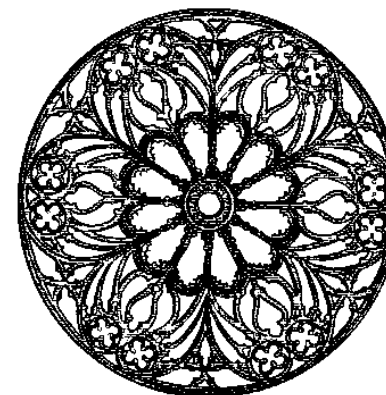
Be a people of the new creation.
May the sun warm your spirit
and the moon be gentle above you.
May the Creator hold your hand
and the Christ walk in your
footsteps.
May the Spirit dance in your playing
and grace be found in your way.
Amen.



CATHOLIC PARISH OF IVANHOE.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM

2010



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