Parent's Information for First Reconciliation and First Communion 2022/2023

St. Aidan's Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Parents of Children in Grade 2 or 3,

Regarding your Child's First Reconciliation and First Communion:

Most children receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion for the first time in Grade 2. We are including the Grade 3's since some of the children may have missed their First Communion. As we are returning to more normal conditions, we will have classes for your children at St. Aidan's Church Hall on Sundays, right after the 12 noon Mass. These classes will begin on Sunday October 23rd at 1:00 pm. Each class will be one hour. The classes will continue every Sunday until December 18th. On Sunday October 16th the parents will need to come to a Parent's Introductory Session after the 12 noon Mass. Note that that the children's classes, ending on December 18 are for preparation to make their First Reconciliation.

Parents will need to register their child with St. Aidan's Church for the sacramental preparation program. Registration forms are available on our parish website: <u>staidanssc.archtoronto.org</u>. (Direct link to all forms can be found by clicking <u>here</u>.) If your child was not baptized at St. Aidan's, we will also need your child's baptismal certificate.

I propose that students at St. Sylvester's will do their first Reconciliation on Monday February 6 at their school, during school hours. Students at St. Aidan's will do their first Reconciliation on Thursday February 9 at their school, during school hours. Students from other schools will need to make arrangements with Fr. Steven.

After Christmas, classes will resume for the children starting Sunday February 12 right after the 12 noon Mass. Please note there will be a break in classes for March Break and for Easter. Classes for students will be February 12, 19, 26, March 5, 26, April 23 & 30. On Sunday February 5th right after the 12 noon Mass, parents will need to attend an introductory session.

Once the children have been prepared, we will have a special Mass for the children's First Holy Communion on Sunday May 7, at 3:00 pm.

Please help your child during this preparation time by accompanying them in their preparations, speaking to them of your own experiences on the importance of Confession and Holy Communion, and by praying with them regularly.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Steven Szakaczki