



HOLY CROSS PARISH

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Dear Parents of Holy Cross Catholic School,

Our parish is beginning preparations for this year's **First Communion and First Reconciliation Program**, and we warmly invite you to attend the **Parent Orientation Session**. This meeting is the essential first step in the sacramental journey of your child. During the session, parents will receive a clear overview of how the program works, the expectations for families, and the preparation process. Please note that **this meeting is not registration**; the decision to register your child will take place **after** the orientation.

First Communion preparation is intended for **baptized Catholic children who have reached the age of reason (approximately seven years old and up)** and who participate in the life of the Church. Children who are not baptized, or who were baptized in another Christian tradition, should contact the parish for guidance before entering the program. Moreover, Sacraments are normally celebrated at the parish where your family **worships regularly** and exceptions are made in unique circumstances.

For internal organization and communication purposes, **Orientation Sign-Up Forms must not be printed, shared among parents, or filled out by hand**. To receive the official **fillable Sign-Up Sheet**, parents are required to **email the parish directly**. Both email address and website are included above.

Orientation Dates:

Note: Parents may attend the orientation at **either parish** in our cluster if the one assigned to their school is not suitable.

- ❖ **Holy Cross Parish:** Wednesday, **October 14 at 7:00 p.m.** (in the Parish Hall) or, if preferred,
- ❖ **Canadian Martyrs Parish:** Tuesday, **October 13 at 7:00 p.m.** (in the Church)

We look forward to welcoming you and accompanying your family as your child prepares for these beautiful sacraments. Thank you for your cooperation and for the faith you nurture in your home.

With every blessing,

Fr. Efren Alvarez Pelayo, Pastor
Holy Cross Parish