



Archdiocese of Birmingham
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Dear Parent/ Guardian

RE: Holy Communion and Confirmation Programme 2023-2024

I am writing to you regarding the arrangements for the First Holy Communion and Confirmation Programmes 2023-2024. As I am sure you are aware, the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion and Confirmation are very important spiritual events for your child, and it is essential that they are fully prepared as they embark upon these Sacraments.

The preparation for Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation will require commitment from both yourselves and your child. You are encouraged to participate in all meetings and, of course, attend weekend Mass on a regular basis.

Please complete the attached commitment form and return to school at your earliest convenience, noting that the Mass of Commitment for all children receiving the Sacraments this year, both in Year 3 and Year 6, will take place at St. Mary's Catholic church on Sunday 1st October 2023 during the 10am Parish and family Mass so that arrangements can begin to be made such as the ordering of booklets, ties, medals etc.

The format for this year's programme will consist of parent meetings, delivered by myself and children's sessions delivered by catechists from the school.

An introductory meeting will follow the Mass of Commitment and it will be held in the school hall on a date to be confirmed. The purpose of the first session is to explain to you what is involved in the Sacramental preparations for you and your child.

Regulations from the Archdiocese of Birmingham, relating to how children are prepared to receive the Sacraments state that non-Catholic children and those who have not yet been baptised will still be able to receive the Sacraments, but will need to undergo further instruction in order to do so; please arrange privately with Father John.

Please complete the reply slip below to confirm that you wish your child to be enrolled onto the Sacramental Program and I would be grateful if you could also indicate whether you will be attending the Mass of Commitment, in St. Mary's Catholic Church on Sunday 1st October at 10am.

Thank-you in advance for supporting your child at this very important time of their spiritual development. If you have any queries regarding the programme, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. I look forward to seeing you all at the Mass of Commitment on Sunday 1st October.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. J A Scattergood
RE Leader

I, _____, parent of _____, wish/ do not wish * for my child to be enrolled into the Sacramental Program 2023-2024

First Holy Communion (Year 3)

Confirmation (Year 6)

Please identify if you will attend the Mass of commitment on Sunday 1st October at 10am

I will/will not* be able to attend

(* delete as appropriate)

Signed: _____

Date: _____