

Dear Parent of Students preparing for 1st Communion and Reconciliation,

This is a very special year for you and your child. They are preparing to receive the 2nd sacrament of initiation and one of the sacraments of healing. We expect that all students who will be receiving 1st Communion and Reconciliation at St. Mary of the Hill Parish to fully participate in the program. So if your child attends a public, private or Catholic School we will meet approximately once a month September through May. 1st Communion will be held at the Basilica May 7th at 1:30 pm a practice will be held that week prior. 1st Reconciliation will be December 7th at the Parish Center with the lower grade Religious Education program which will start at 4:45pm.

Parents are an integral part of the program it is expected that a parent will attend each session. We ask that no other siblings attend so that the time can be spent focused on the 1st Communicant and learning more about the faith. We will be asking parents to share faith experiences with the child and take time to deepen their own faith. We also ask the families to work through 1st Reconciliation and 1st Eucharist books produced by Leaflet Missal and provided by the Parish. Producing a Banner that represents your child for 1st Communion is another typical expectation this is brought to the retreat event. All this will be gone through in greater detail at the MANDATORY Parent, Child meeting to be held on Monday, September 21st at 5:30pm at the Parish Center. If the parish does not have a copy of your child's baptismal certificate please bring it at that time.

CLASS DATES

September 21st 5:30pm Parent child meeting

October 26th 5-6pm – focus on Reconciliation

November 30th 5-6pm – practice for Reconciliation, make Sin Bags, have Act of Contrition Memorized

December 7th 1st Reconciliation 4:45-6pm

January 4th 5-6pm

February 8th 5-6

April 4th 5-6pm

Practice for 1st Communion TBA

May 7th 1:30 Basilica of Holy Hill

May 14th and 15th MAY CROWNING 4pm, 7am and 9:30 am Mass at the Parish Center

Please also fill out the included registration information in this packet.

If you have further questions please contact me at dre@stmaryhh.org or 262 628 3606x4.

Respectfully,

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