

# APPLICATION FOR CANDIDACY

## FIRST CELEBRATION OF PENANCE FIRST RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Dear Parents,

It is the joy of the whole parish community to see the children in our midst grow in faith and come to the point in their lives when they are able to celebrate with us the sacred mysteries handed on to us by Christ.

Their growth in the knowledge and love of God and of His Church is a product of the union you have with both God and Church. They have not yet come of age to act on their own, but hand-in-hand with you they are taking those first steps that, in time, will become their own.

Your understanding and acceptance of your central role in their life journey is recognized by the Church. You have given them life; on you lies the gravest obligation to educate them in the full meaning of life that is of God and Christ. No one can take you place. [*Declaration on Christian Education, Vatican Council II*]

At the same time, you need the support and assistance of the Church to do well this central and God-given task that is yours. Your parish is honored to be by your side and help you in every way. What we require in return is your understanding and full participation in the program of instruction we provide. We are touching only the simple and basic elements of Faith at this point in their lives. Where they encounter the fuller and living expression of that Faith must be in their homes and at your side.

As you present your child for our program of Sacramental Preparation it is your expectation that we will teach them the Truth of Catholic Faith and the Gospel of Christ by word and example.

It is our expectation that you are, yourselves, living that Faith and providing your child the indispensable example of what it means to be a Catholic.

We hold you to weekly celebration of the Eucharist with your child by your side.

We hold you to consistent and active guidance for your child as he/she works with the Sacramental Preparation Program materials...workbooks and assignments.

We hold you to participation in the classes of instruction and update in the Faith that will be provided for you so that you can be the primary member of a team that leads them in faith.

Anything less would diminish the support and leadership your child deserves.

To 'echo' what you said at his/her Baptism...if your faith makes you ready to accept this responsibility, please fill out the Candidacy Application Form, sign it and present it to the Pastor or Principal of our Religious Education Program.

# Candidacy Application Form.

Understanding and Accepting with Love our obligations as parents of a Son/Daughter of age for the Reception of the Sacraments of Penance and Eucharist, we present:

Our Son/Daughter \_\_\_\_\_  
as a Candidate for these Sacraments.

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Church(parish) and Date of Baptism \_\_\_\_\_

Signatures \_\_\_\_\_

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Date \_\_\_\_\_