

Sacramental Preparation

During the Covid-19 Crisis

Overview

- Introduction
- First Communion this Summer
- Sacramental Preparation 2020-2021
 First Reconciliation & Eucharist
- Sacrament of Reconciliation
- Questions

Catholic Comeback: First Communion

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Phase 1: Not to be considered until after June 15, 2020, and then, only in context of Sunday Mass, with attendance limited to 25 percent of capacity, following the Archbishop's Mass Directives.

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Phase 2: Yes, with attendance limited to 25 percent of occupancy, following Archbishop's Mass Directives.

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Phase 3: Yes

Formation for 1st Communion

- Not remedial, but to reconnect with families and refocus on reception of holy communion
- Practice how to receive – normal reception and under restrictions
- Gathered or Virtual
- Know what to expect for the day of child's first communion



Questions on First Communion

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Preliminary Thoughts

- First, Not Only
- Parents are Key
- Community still important
- Safety, Flexibility, Creativity, Simplicity

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Parents

- Involve parents
- Their feelings
- Your expectations
- Parent Sessions
- Coaching

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Settings

- Gathered In-Person
- Virtual
- At Home

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Resources

- Solid, Comprehensive
- But adaptable to situation
- For Parents, for Families
- Online, Print, Material

Simplicity !

- Goal: Readiness for reception of the Sacrament
- Family: Ability of Parents to Implement
- Components: Focus on what will be helpful and impactful



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- Now and Later
- Orientation
- Community Connections
- Parent Mystagogy / Child Mystagogy

Reconciliation

- Celebration – Prepare Early
- Challenges
- Focus on Mercy & Forgiveness, and Child Development

Eucharist

- Celebration
- Challenges
- Focus on Return to Mass
- 2021 – Sunday as Lord's Day



Questions