



Holy Family Parish

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The Holy Family Catholic Parish thanks God for His gifts to us of time, talent and treasure. In following the Lord's command to "make disciples of all nations..." (Mt. 28:19), each of us will use these gifts in praising God. We will work in the service of our community by encouraging and helping all to reconnect to our Church, renew our faith and rebuild our commitment to God.

- *Holy Family Parish Mission Statement*

September 13, 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS OF GRADE 2 STUDENTS RECEIVING THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This year your child is invited to prepare for the **Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion**.

Registration date for First Holy Communion is on **Thursday, October 20th, 7:00p.m.** There will be a presentation at 7:00 in the church. Details concerning the Parish Sessions and the Home Study program will be discussed at that time. **Only parents** are required to attend the registration/presentation.

The following are required when you register your child for the Sacraments:

- Log onto <http://holyfamilywh.archtoronto.org>. Go to 'About Us' and click on 'Registration Forms'.
- Scroll down to 'Holy Family First Holy Communion Registration (online)' and complete the registration form and press 'Submit'.
- You will receive a notification email, please print it and bring it with you when you register together with your child's original Baptismal certificate along with a copy for the office and the \$50.00 registration fee on the day of registration.

All children receiving First Holy Communion in April, 2017 must **ALSO** be enrolled in a public **Inscription Ceremony** which takes place during a Sunday Liturgy. This ceremony will mark the official start of your child's preparation towards the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The Inscription Ceremony this year has been scheduled on the weekends of **November 5 & 6, 2016**. Please ensure that parent/s and the child will be in attendance at one of these Masses. Your child will be invited to come forward during a special Inscription liturgy at which time the child will present the completed **Inscription Ceremony Form** to the presiding priest. These will be the **ONLY** dates for Inscription this year. If your child has not been inscribed at one of these Masses we will conclude that you have decided to postpone First Holy Communion to the following year or you are making arrangements elsewhere.

There will be Sacramental Preparation Sessions that will start in November and continue into April. Both parents and child must attend the three separate session dates. Home study will also be included in the form of workbooks from the series "On Our Way with Jesus" which are included in the registration fee and will be handed out during the first session in November.

If you are not a registered parishioner of Holy Family Parish, please print the '**Holy Family Registration Form/Change of Address**' form (which can be found under 'About us'/'Registration Forms' on our web site) and bring the completed form with you when you register your child for First Communion.

Note: If your child requires baptism, or needs to be received into the Catholic Church, we ask that you please contact the parish as soon as possible to make arrangements.

Finally, I would like to remind you that **You, the parents are the most important teachers** of your child/children. The best preparation efforts by the school or parish will not bear fruit if YOU, the parents, do not reinforce, by example, what the children hear in the classroom or at church. I want to assure you of my fullest support and I encourage you to seek my assistance whenever you encounter difficulties in preparing your child for these very important Sacraments. Please do not hesitate to call me if you need assistance.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Fr. László Nagy
Pastor