

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION of CHILDREN

The family of any person preparing for a sacrament must be a registered parishioner of San Marco Catholic Church. *

Baptism: Fill out the forms which can be obtained at the Parish office. There needs to be at least one Sponsor or Godparent that is a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and at least 16 years of age. Anyone who is Christian but not Catholic would be considered a Christian witness. If the child is over the age of 5, please consult with the office.

First Reconciliation & First Communion: The child must have 2 consecutive years of faith formation (proof of attendance required). During the second year, in addition to faith formation class the child and parent must attend separate sacramental preparation classes once a month from September thru April. The child must also pass an interview with the Director of Religious Education to make sure they are ready to receive these sacraments.

Confirmation: The Teen must be at least a freshman in high school to begin the 2 consecutive years of preparation and 10 hours of Service to the community (it can be helping in the Parish or the larger community). They receive the sacrament of Confirmation at the end of their sophomore year in high school (or later).

- Year 1 they will attend 12 sessions of Theology of the Body for Teens and attend at least one retreat (NET Retreat, Men's conference, Women's conference, Youth Rally, Leaven conference, or the Parish 3 day mission (w/ parent or sponsor).

- Year 2 they will be attending monthly meetings on Confirmation and attend at least one retreat (NET Retreat, Men's conference, Women's conference, Youth Rally, Leaven conference, or the Parish 3 day mission (w/ parent or sponsor). Write an essay on the saint they chose for their Confirmation name.

- They need to pass a test on the Bishop's study guidelines. The guidelines will be given to them at the onset of year 1.

****Regular Mass participation is central to receiving any Sacrament****