

RITE OF ENROLMENT

PRIEST [The priest invites the children to stand]

Dear children, do you ask for the Sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.

CHILDREN

We do.

PRIEST

Children, do you promise to prepare well for confession and Holy Communion both at home and in school?

CHILDREN

We do.

[Children sit down]

COMMITMENT OF PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

PRIEST

Now we welcome your parents and guardians and all those who love and take care of you. We ask God's blessing on them all, as they prepare with you to celebrate the sacraments of First Confession and First Holy Communion.

[Priest invites the parents and guardians to stand]

You have asked for the sacraments for your children. In so doing you are accepting the responsibility of helping them to grow in their understanding and practice of the faith. You are the first of educators in the ways of faith - may you be the best of teachers.

PRIEST

Do you promise to help, support and pray with your child in preparation for First Confession and First Holy Communion?

PARENTS AND GUARDIANS

We do.

PRIEST

Do you promise to accompany your child to Mass on Sunday as often as you can so as to share in the Eucharist, and be nourished at the table of the Lord?

PARENTS/GUARDIANS

We do.

CLOSING PRAYER (said by all the adults)

Lord, these are your children given to us to be cherished and loved, moulded and formed. Guided and instructed by us their parents, teachers and priests, may these children deepen their friendship with Jesus your son and remain a true friend of his. We ask you to bless us during these months of preparation through Christ our Lord.

Amen.