

St. Michael the Archangel CCD Program
2nd grade/First Communion and First Confession

In an effort to treat all children and families on a fair and equal basis, the following policy and guidelines are established for this parish, adhering to the policies stipulated in the Diocese of Lafayette's Manual for Policies.

"Parents have a duty to be involved in the preparation of their child for the first reception of Communion," the preparation for a child to receive First Communion and First Confession will begin in the home.

Diocesan policy stipulates many items for the preparation of the Sacraments of First Communion and Reconciliation:

1. Parents, as the primary educators of their children, have a duty and must be involved in the preparation of their child for the first reception of Communion/Confession.
2. Parishes will provide programs which will help parents teach their children.
3. The parish church rather than the school is the appropriate place for preparation and celebration of First Communion/Confession.

The parish of St. Michael's CCD program will provide a program which will help parents teach their children.

- The parish CCD program will teach the same curriculum as St. Michael School in the classroom for Second Grade.
- The parish CCD program will provide take home workbooks for each child, aiding and encouraging the parents to spend time preparing their children in the home environment.
- There will be a cost of \$25 to the family for each child to cover the expense of the books, and late fees are applicable if children are not registered before the annual date published in the bulletin.
- Children are required to attend mass **every Sunday and Holy Days of Obligation** (annual calendars are provided by the parish) during the preparation year for the Sacraments by signing in at the church, or providing a bulletin signed by the presider of a visiting parish.
 - The norm for regular Mass attendance is St. Michael -- if there are several bulletins from another parish, one of two things may happen:
 - The family will be encouraged to attend Mass on a more regular basis with the family of St. Michael.

- The family will be invited to receive the Sacraments from the parish in which they regularly attend, and we will provide all of the appropriate documentation for that to happen.

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- Although the curriculum for 2nd grade is established for St. Michael School, and the parish CCD Program will follow this curriculum, primary preparation for the reception of the Sacraments themselves will begin at home.