

## First Reconciliation (RE) & First Communion (HC) Commitment Form

The following outlines the preparation of students for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and Communion. It is very important that the parents/guardians & students fulfill the expectations outlined below:

**As a candidate (student), I must...**

- Be baptized in the Catholic Church. Baptismal certificate must be on file in the DRE office.
- Have reached the age of 8-9 years of age, at least in 3rd grade and attending their second continuous year of formation.
- Be enrolled in Faith Formation classes. Student cannot have missed an excessive number of days. No more than four (4) absences. If student demonstrates a lack of desire in class (ie. excessive absences/tardies, cannot recite prayers), Catechist will inform DRE and a student/parent conference may be scheduled to determine readiness.
- Be enrolled in Sacramental Preparation classes. Student and one parent are expected to attend all classes.
- Participate in mass on Saturday/Sunday and on Holy Days of Obligation on a weekly basis.
- Attend retreats as scheduled with parent/guardian.
- Recite the traditional prayers (Sign of the Cross, Hail Mary, Our Father, Glory Be, Act of Contrition), along with Grace before Meals and Guardian Angel.
- Be prepared for and encouraged to participate in the sacrament of Penance as well as know how to celebrate the Rite of Reconciliation (being able to follow the procedure)
- A desire to receive the Eucharist and a sense of the “real presence” – that the bread of Eucharist is not ordinary bread, but Jesus coming to us in a special way. Know how to receive communion.

**As a parent/guardian, I must ...**

- Attend ALL sacramental preparation classes as scheduled with their child.
- Attend parent meetings.
- Be intimately involved in preparing their children for their First Reconciliation & First Communion.
- Be ACTIVE Catholic adults who are willing to support their child’s faith journey.
- Attend retreats with their child.

**WE WILL ATTEND (please check session below)**

	<b>Saturday(s), 9am-11am @ ST JOHN/Bridgeport</b>
	<b>Saturday(s), 2:30pm-4:30pm @ ABVM/Decatur</b>

**I have read and understand the above requirements and I comply with them faithfully.**

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**Signature of Parent/Guardian**

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**Date**

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**Student Name**