

# FIRST EUCHARIST &

(FIRST COMMUNION)

# FIRST RECONCILIATION

(FIRST PENANCE / FIRST CONFESSION)

## 2017-2018 REGISTRATION FORM

### A. General Requirements:

1. Candidates for First Eucharist are to be *prepared* for and celebrate First Penance before the celebration of First Communion.
2. Candidates for First Penance and First Eucharist must be at least 7 years old / in 2nd grade and enrolled in a *formal* religious education / faith formation program, either at a Catholic school or in the parish program (Generations of Faith).

### B. First Reconciliation Details:

For many young people, First Reconciliation sounds scary and intimidating, but we work hard to make it a positive, life-giving and joyful event so that they will be comfortable returning to the celebration of the sacrament regularly throughout their lives.

We begin with a “Gathered Session” where we provide everyone with preparation materials, talk about mechanical concerns, and take a tour of the Church (with special emphasis on the Reconciliation Room). **All candidates, with at least one parent, must attend this event so that we can all start on the same page.**

Speaking of pages, one of the things we do that evening is to look over our materials *together* so that parents and candidates can become familiar with how it all works. This is because you will do the lessons at home as a family. Following the Gathered Session, you have several weeks to finish the book before we celebrate the sacrament.

Just as some youngsters are intimidated by the idea of Penance, so too some parents find the task of teaching the sacrament a little scary. So as an added support, if you need any extra help getting through the materials you can call or email Deacon Paul Lippard ([Plipard@aol.com](mailto:Plipard@aol.com)) and we'll go through a lesson or two together.

At the time of the First Penance celebration, we have several priests to help, and all members of your family are invited to participate. Please keep in mind that this event is about an hour and a half, so be sure to keep that in mind when you are planning for that evening.

### First Reconciliation Schedule 2017-2018 School Year

GATHERED SESSION (REQUIRED)	MONDAY, OCTOBER 9	6:30—8:00 PM
FIRST PENANCE CELEBRATION	MONDAY, DECEMBER 4 <sup>TH</sup>	5:45 PM

## C. First Eucharist Details:

*The celebration of First Eucharist is one of the most memorable events in most Catholic's lives, rich in symbolism and filled with excitement and anticipation. The Resurrection parish community has its own unique traditions for marking this event, all of which are intended to make it as unforgettable and joyful for this generation as was for those of us who celebrated many years ago.*

*Preparing for First Eucharist begins with a letter, sent in November, when you are asked to make two choices: 1) The date and time for First Communion at the "1st Gathered Session" (explained below), and 2) The scheduled Mass you will be assigned for First Communion. You will also be asked to give a rough estimate of the number of guests you expect to attend the ceremony.*

During the 1st Gathered Session (see schedule below) we talk a bit about "mechanical" issues (like what to expect at the celebrations and the overall schedule) and introduce a couple of craft projects that you'll do at home—pieces for our community quilt and seat banners for the celebration.

For those who wish, there will also be an opportunity to look over home study materials. As with First Penance, you will do the lessons at home as a family. **All candidates are required to attend this event along with at least one parent.**

At the 2nd Gathered Session (see schedule below) we will finalize our discussions about various mechanical aspects of the celebrations, gather the pieces for our community quilt, make some bread while learning about bread's importance in human celebrations, and let the candidates practice receiving the bread and wine.

On the Thursday evening before the First Eucharist celebration(s) we have a rehearsal for each of the liturgies. At that time we choose candidates for the various liturgical roles that are part of the Mass (presenting the gifts and leading the Universal Prayer) and practice the processions in and out of church so that everyone is ready for the actual event.

The celebrations themselves are always joyful expressions of faith, and there is no doubt that your family will take many happy memories from this wonderful experience.

### *First Eucharist Schedule 2017-2018*

<i>GATHERED SESSION 1</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY, MARCH 7</i>	<i>6:30—8:00 PM</i>
<i>GATHERED SESSION 2</i>	<i>WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25</i>	<i>6:30—8:00 PM</i>
<i>REHEARSAL(S)</i>	<i>THURSDAY, MAY 3</i>	<i>5:45 / 6:30 / 7:15 PM</i>
<i>CELEBRATION</i>	<i>SAT OR SUN, MAY 5/6</i>	<i>4:00 PM / 9:00 AM / 11:00 AM</i>

OFFICE USE     Bapt. Cert. or Res. \_\_\_\_\_ (verify and initial)    ORG     OEG1     OEG2     OM1     OM2     OM3  
Pd. Date \_\_\_\_\_ Amt. \_\_\_\_\_ Cash  Check # \_\_\_\_\_ DB-R  DB-E

**This form registers ONE candidate for TWO sacraments:  
First Reconciliation AND First Eucharist. Read ALL the information on the  
previous pages BEFORE filling in the form below!**

**PLEASE NOTE!**

- 1. **If the candidate was baptized in a parish other than Resurrection (Canton, Michigan), a copy of the baptismal certificate MUST be turned in with this form.**
- 2. **Forms submitted without baptismal certificates will be returned unprocessed.**
- 3. **Certificates are NOT needed for those baptized here at Resurrection.**

**1. Candidate Information: (use a separate form for EACH candidate!)**

Last name \_\_\_\_\_ First name \_\_\_\_\_ Grade in school \_\_\_\_\_  
Church of candidate's baptism \_\_\_\_\_ Date of baptism \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Parent Information:**

Father's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Father's last name \_\_\_\_\_  
Mother's First Name \_\_\_\_\_ Mother's **maiden\*** name \_\_\_\_\_  
*\*last name **before** marriage*  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Email Address (print clearly!) \_\_\_\_\_ (&) \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Covenant:** The parish will provide a preparation process which includes learning events and activities in addition to materials and resources for use at home. For their part, parents & candidate agree that: 1) Parent(s) and candidate will attend the required "Gathered Sessions," 2) Parent(s) & candidate will complete home lessons, and 3) Parent(s) & candidate will participate in their scheduled rehearsal (for Eucharist).

*We agree to participate fully in the preparation processes:*

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Fees:**      Early Registration (before deadline\*)      \$40 per candidate  
                         Late Registration (after deadline\*)      \$80 per candidate  
                         TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED      \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**\*Return this form to the Parish Office (drop off or mail) by Mon., Sept. 25**