

Enrolment Ceremony

Priest: *My dear people, we are having a special celebration which includes the Rite of Enrolment for these children who are being presented by their parents for the reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation Confirmation and Holy Communion.*

The purpose of this Rite is to remind you, the parents that, just as it was your decision to offer your child for Baptism, so now you are choosing to present your child for these additional Sacraments. It is also an opportunity for you to renew your own commitment to your child's religious upbringing, as well as an acknowledgement by you of the important role you have to play in helping him or her to prepare for these Sacraments in co-operation with the Parish and School. Furthermore, this ceremony helps the children to realise that parents, and indeed all of us in the Parish, are keen to help in every way.

Parents, would you now stand with your children to present them as candidates for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Holy Communion.

Priest: Parents, what do you ask of the Church for your child?

Parents: That they be admitted to the Sacraments of Reconciliation Holy Communion and Confirmation.

Priest: Are you determined to assist the parish catechists and the teachers in the school in helping the children prepare for these Sacraments?

Parents: We are.

Priest: Dear children, do you wish to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation Holy Communion and Confirmation?

Children: I do.

Priest: Will you try hard to learn all that is needed before you receive these Sacraments?

Children: Yes, I will.

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Priest: Dear Parents and Children, let us now renew the promises we made at our Baptism.

Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of Heaven and Earth?

Parents and Children: We do.

Priest: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, Our Lord, who became man and gave His life for us?

Parents and Children: We do.

Priest: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, who lives in our hearts and who gives us everlasting life?

Parents and Children: We do.

Priest: My dear children, this Parish Community welcomes you and your family into our programme of preparation and we will pray especially for you in these coming weeks.

Let us pray:

God our Father, we thank you for these parents who are ready to share their faith with their children. These children are now preparing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation Confirmation and Holy Communion. We pray that they may grow in wisdom, love and faith. We make our prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.

