

**SAINT MATTHEW'S CHRISTIAN FORMATION REGISTRATION FORM 2008-2009**

Office Use Only # \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE READ COMPLETELY, FILL OUT, AND PRINT ALL INFORMATION**

**Non-refundable fees (all children inclusive) \$65.00 per Family**

Please make checks payable to St. Matthew's Religious Education.

**FAMILY NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**Registered in Parish? Yes No**

*Please note that your family must be registered in the parish.*

**Father** \_\_\_\_\_ **Mother** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email Address** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Street Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Work #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Were your children enrolled in Religious Education Classes at St. Matthew's in 2007-2008** Yes No

**Were your children enrolled in a Catholic School (St. Matthews/Catholic High) in 2007-2008?** Yes No

**Were your children home schooled in 2007-2008?** Yes No

**If so, which religious textbook series did you use?** \_\_\_\_\_

**If your children were enrolled in Religious Education Classes in 2007-2008 but not at St. Matthew's, what is the name and city of that parish?**

<b>Child's first &amp; last name</b>										
<b>Name of School child attends &amp; grade level</b>										
<b>Male Female</b>										
<b>Birth Date (Month/Day/Year)</b>										
<b>Was your child Baptized?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>At St. Matthews?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Has your child received first Reconciliation?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Has your child received First Eucharist?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Has your child been Confirmed?</b>	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No	Yes	No
<b>Special Needs (ie: wheel chair)?</b>										

Please indicate areas in which you can help (please check one): Catechist \_\_\_\_\_

Assistant \_\_\_\_\_

General Help \_\_\_\_\_

Payment Amount:	Check # / Cash:	Date Paid:
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## SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION, EUCHARIST, AND CONFIRMATION – DIOCESAN AND PARISH POLICIES

### **SACRAMENTS OF FIRST RECONCILIATION/FIRST EUCHARIST**

1. According to Diocesan policy, children who have NOT been in Religious Education (either in a parish, Catholic school or recognized Catholic home school program) for at least one year MUST attend one year of Religious Education before they can receive the sacraments of Reconciliation & First Eucharist. Preparations for both of these sacraments are held in second grade.
2. Parents of all those preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are required to attend parent preparation classes prior to the reception of each sacrament. The exact dates for the classes will be posted in the bulletin and the school calendar.
3. Baptismal certificates (NOT birth certificates) must be turned into the parish office as soon as possible. Children will not be allowed to receive the sacraments unless we have verified documentation that they are baptized Catholics.
4. In the event that a child is NOT baptized and wishes to receive the sacraments, the parents must call the parish office as soon as possible to sign up for a baptism class. "If there is a substantial reason to believe that the infant or child will not be raised Catholic, the requested sacrament is to be delayed, not completely denied." (Called to Faith #32)
5. It is assumed that the child is being raised in the Catholic Faith and is participating in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist.
6. The family must be registered in the parish.

### **SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

1. Diocesan policy requires that all Confirmation candidates go through two years of Confirmation classes, normally starting in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade with conferral of the Sacrament in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade.
2. If the student is attending Catholic High or is home schooled, they are required to take only the second year (normally 11<sup>th</sup> grade) of Confirmation preparation classes.
3. If the student has not been in Religious Education classes or Catholic school and is in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade, the student will be placed in Confirmation Year 1 so that both years of Confirmation preparation can be done. That student will be confirmed their senior year of high school.

4. If the student has not been in Religious Education classes or Catholic school and is in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade, that student must go to the RCIA program since the two-year high school preparation cannot be done. The RCIA process requires more of a commitment than high school preparation as the weekly class meets for 1-1/2 hours and requires the attendance of a sponsor.
5. It is assumed that the child is being raised in the Catholic Faith and is participating in the weekly celebration of the Eucharist.
6. The family must be registered in the parish.

***\*Please attach a copy of the baptismal certificate.***

***\*Participation in the Sacraments require that the student be baptized-either in the Catholic Church or in a valid Baptism (NOT dedication) ceremony in a non-Catholic Christian Church-and that the family is presently participating in the Catholic Church.***