

Sacramental Preparation – Frequently Asked Questions:

When are the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist Offered?

Children are eligible for their sacraments after completing two years of faith formation; typically in first and second grade. In the second grade, the sacraments of First Reconciliation are offered in the winter and First Eucharist is offered in the spring. Regular attendance is required for proper preparation. A parent workshop will be held to explain both the sacrament of First Reconciliation in the fall and First Eucharist in the winter.

What if my child was baptized but hasn't received their sacraments and they're past the second grade?

The Diocese of Raleigh requires that a child needs to have two full years of faith formation in order to receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Children will be registered with their grade level peers in years one and two. During year two, they need to attend one additional night per month in a class called Intermediate Sacramental Preparation which teaches First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.

Year one and two could begin in any of the following programs:

Gather (grades 1 – 4)

the Rock (grades 5 – 6)

the Edge (grades 7 – 8)

the Way (grades 9-11)

Apostello (grades 11-12)

Please be sure to contact the Youth Minister of your child's program to make arrangements for sacraments.

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Are their fees associated with receiving a sacrament?

A materials fee of \$75 is charged to every child preparing to receive their sacraments. This fee covers the cost of two workbooks, two retreats and all the supplies purchased to use in their formation. It is in addition to the registration fee collected and must be paid by December 31, 2021. Scholarships are available based on need.