



July 18, 2011

Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter concerning your child's reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion. St. Andrew Parish preparation program is designed with the vision set forth in the National Directory of Catechesis. Children from Catholic schools, Parish programs and Home school programs are to come together for the special time of proximate sacramental preparation.

The goal of sacramental catechesis is simple: to help lead children and youth to an encounter with Christ, and through this encounter to inform, form and transform them. That is what we strive for in the sacramental preparation process.

The process of preparation for these sacraments is family based. The family spends four to six weeks at home with materials provided at the First Reconciliation and First Communion Workshops. If you and your child are ready to begin the preparation processes, St. Andrew's offers two cycles for your convenience. See enclosed calendar for details. *Please note the registration due date for each cycle.*

In regards to sacramental preparation for these sacraments, a candidate must have attained the use of reason, be of catechetical age, and must meet the following requirements:

- a. Child must be baptized Catholic— copy of baptismal certificate required,
- b. The child completed one year of religious formation, either in a Catholic school, parish religious education program, or a Catholic home-schooling program,
- c. Child is currently enrolled in a formation program.
- d. Child is in the second grade or above and be at least 7 years of age.

If your child does not meet the above requirements, please contact me so we can plan accordingly.

I look forward to assisting you in preparing your child for these most important sacraments. Feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely in Christ,

Denise Pressley
Director of Faith Formation
for Children and Youth

Enclosures: 2

**Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth and/or the
Parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church – Sacramental Preparation
Parent/Guardian/Conservator Permission and Liability Waiver**

Child's Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Sex: _____

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Parent/Guardian/Conservator's Name: _____

Home Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Emergency Contact Name: _____

Relationship to the son/daughter/participant: _____

Home Phone: _____ Business Phone: _____

Release/Indemnification Information:

I, _____ grant my permission for _____
Parent/Guardian/Conservator's Name *Participant Name(s)*

to participate in St. Andrew Catholic Church Sacramental Preparation program beginning the 1st day of August 2011 and continuing through the 31st day of August, 2012. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of employees and/or volunteers from the parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church and/or the Diocese of Fort Worth. This indemnification form will be kept on file and will accompany the child on any and all programs and activities of the Diocese of Fort Worth and/or parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church.

I understand that as parent/guardian/conservator, I remain legally responsible for any personal actions taken by the participant(s) named above.

I agree on behalf of myself, my son/daughter/participant named herein, our/his/her heirs, successors, and assigns to hold harmless, the Diocese of Fort Worth and/or the parish of St. Andrew Catholic Church and its/their employees and/or volunteers from any and all claims (unless due in part by gross negligence of the Diocese and/or Parish) for illness, injury, death and the cost of medical treatment therewith, arising from or in any way connected with my son's/daughter/participant's attending the various programs and activities during the dates named above.

In the event any legal action is taken by either party against the other party to enforce any of the terms and conditions of this agreement, it is agreed that the unsuccessful party to such action shall pay to the prevailing party therein all reasonable court costs, reasonable attorneys' fees and expenses incurred by the prevailing party.

Parent/Guardian/Conservator Signature *Date*

Promotional Release

I also consent to the use of any videotapes, photographs, slides, audiotapes, or any other visual or audio reproduction (in perpetuity unless otherwise revoked by me in writing and delivered by certified mail, return receipt requested, to: The Catholic Center, 800 West Loop 820 South, Fort Worth, TX 76108, ATTN: Director of Youth Ministry and Adolescent Catechesis) in which my son/daughter may appear by the Diocese of Fort Worth. I understand that these materials are being used for promotion of the youth ministry of the Diocese of Fort Worth which may include recruitment and fundraising efforts.

Parent/Guardian/Conservator Signature *Date*

**Saint Andrew First Reconciliation & First Communion
2011 – 2012 Schedules**

***Sacraments are NOT something we get;
they are an encounter with Christ***



Fall 2011 Cycle:

Registration forms due by Wed., Sept. 7

Parent & Child Reconciliation Workshop:

(Please bring a snack to share. Thank you.)

Date: Sunday, September 18

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 1:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Retreat: (Children only)

Date: Sunday, October 23

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 2:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Celebration:

Date: Wednesday, October 26

Place: St. Andrew Church

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Parent & Child First Communion Workshop:

(Please bring a snack to share. Thank you.)

Date: Sunday, November 6

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 1:45 – 5:00 p.m.

First Communion Retreat/Rehearsal:

Date: Saturday, December 10

Place: St. Andrew School Cafeteria

Time: 9:15 – 1:00 p.m. **for children**

***Parent meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.
in the Church***

First Communion Celebration:

Dates: December 17 & 18

Times: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

Winter/Spring 2012 Cycle:

Registration forms due by Wed. Jan. 4

Parent & Child Reconciliation Workshop:

(Please bring a snack to share. Thank you.)

Date: Sunday, January 15

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 1:45 – 5:00 p.m.

Reconciliation Retreat: (Children only)

Date: Saturday, February 25

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 9:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Reconciliation Celebration:

Date: Wednesday, February 29

Place: St. Andrew Church

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Parent & Child First Communion Workshop:

(Please bring a snack to share. Thank you.)

Date: Sunday, March 4

Place: St. Andrew Parish Hall

Time: 1:45 – 5:00 p.m.

First Communion Retreat/Rehearsal:

Date: Saturday, April 21

Place: St. Andrew School Cafeteria

Time: 9:15 – 1:00 p.m. **for children**

***Parent meeting begins at 11:30 a.m.
in the Church***

First Communion Celebration:

Dates: April 28 & 29

Times: Saturday Vigil: 5:30 p.m.

Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. and 12:30 p.m.

***Children are required to attend ALL sessions in preparation
for the celebration of the sacrament.***

- ✚ Registration required
- ✚ Mark your calendar with **all** of the event dates for the preparation cycle. Reminders are not necessarily sent for each event.
- ✚ A copy of your child's baptismal certificate required for the reception of the sacraments.