



## **Our Lady of Perpetual Help School First Holy Communion Program**

### *General Objectives and Guidelines*

#### **First Holy Communion preparation is a 2 year process beginning in Grade 1**

Children are required to have sufficient knowledge and careful preparation so that they understand the mystery of Christ according to their capacity and are able to receive the Body of Christ with faith and devotion.

#### **The Focus of Religious Education**

1st grade students are invited to know, love, and trust God and His love story.

2nd grade students are prepared specifically for Reconciliation and First Holy Communion by learning that our faith is God's work for salvation, and focusing on God's infinite love and mercy which they will encounter in the sacraments. They learn the steps involved in receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion.

#### **Requirements and Expectations**

- Child must be baptized- Please submit baptismal certificate to the

school

- Attend Sunday Mass-Turn in Mass cards to your teacher
- Learn Basic Prayers- These are also part of the Religion curriculum
- Make their First Reconciliation- 2nd grade and older students as directed by Fr. Hector through the OLPH Parish Office

**Important Dates for 1st & 2nd graders and Parents for 2021-2022**

- Tuesday 10/12 6:00 pm: 1st & 2nd grade parent information ZOOM meeting (will be recorded)
- Wednesday 2/9/22: 1st Grade Retreat 8:00-10:30 am
- Wednesday 4/6/22: 2nd grade retreat 8:00-10:30 am
- Thursday 4/7/22: Final 2nd grade & older parent information meeting to discuss details of First Holy Communion Mass
- Wednesday 5/4/22: First Reconciliation immediately following school Mass, approximately 9:30 am (children must attend this Reconciliation session before receiving their First Holy Communion)
- Saturday 5/14/22: First Holy Communion Mass

\*\*Please be aware that this schedule is subject to change due to fluctuating COVID restrictions.

***We look forward to being able to share in these beautiful moments with you and your child/children! We feel blessed and honored to be a part of their faith journey and spiritual growth.***