



St. John Chrysostom Parish

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Dear Parent(s) or Guardian(s),

St. John Chrysostom Parish invites you to register your child for our First Eucharist (Communion) and First Reconciliation preparation programmes. This year, we are making some changes to the process of registration so it is **very important** that you read the information in this letter carefully so that you do not miss something.

Step 1: Fill out the attached form.

Step 2: Attend an **ORIENTATION MEETING**. We offer four options; you attend the **one** that is most convenient for you. Your choices are as follows:

Wednesday, September 27 at 7 pm – Parish Hall

Thursday, September 28 at 9 am – Meeting Room of Parish Hall

Saturday, September 30 at 10 am – Parish Hall

Sunday, October 1 at 11 am – Parish Hall

- At these meetings, the requirements for registration will be explained in detail.
- You will be given a registration package which you will take home with you.

Step 3: Fill out all the necessary forms and acquire all the necessary documents for registration. This will all be explained to you at the Orientation. Please note: You will not be permitted to register unless all the paperwork is submitted.

Step 4: Attend a REGISTRATION MEETING. We offer the following options:

Wednesday, October 11 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

Wednesday, October 18 at 6 pm – Parish Hall

- At these meetings you will submit documentation and be given a date for your child's celebration. You will also be given all the materials for your child's preparation for the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Who should attend?

The meeting is intended for **parents** and is not suitable for young children.

If you require childcare, we are happy to provide **babysitting** at the parish, free of charge for those who notify us at least two days in advance. For safety reasons, we can only accommodate approximately 20 children and we will be unable to offer babysitting to anyone who does not notify us ahead of time.

If you regularly attend a parish different from St. John's or live outside the boundaries of our parish, you should contact your parish as soon as possible to find out when their registration dates are.

Can you help with registration?

This process will proceed more efficiently if we have people to assist. If any of you are able to lend a hand, please contact Christine by phone (905-898-4137) or e-mail (cway@neptune.on.ca).

To help us all navigate these changes, we ask for your patience. We will do our very best to answer all your questions at the Orientation Meetings.

We look forward to helping you in this important time of preparing your child to be further initiated into Christ's Church. We trust that the programme we offer will not only prepare your child to understand Jesus' self-gift to them more fully, but that it will enable you, too, to grow in your faith.

We are looking forward to seeing you.

Yours sincerely,



Fr. Efrén Alvarez-Pelayo
Pastor



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