

**REGISTRATION FOR ANNUNCIATION PARISH
FAMILY-CENTERED SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION
FOR RECONCILIATION & EUCHARIST (FIRST COMMUNION)**

* Children registering must be Annunciation Parishioners, already baptized, who will be at least seven years of age by September 20, 2010.

Child's Full Name: _____

Name Child Uses (i.e., nickname): _____

Child's Date of Birth: _____

Child's Date & Place of Baptism: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____

Mother's Religious Affiliation: _____

Father's Name: _____

Father's Religious Affiliation: _____

Address (including city & zip code): _____

Telephone Number: _____

Parent's E-Mail Address: _____

Grade & School Child Will Be in September 2010: _____

Please list below any allergies (food or other) or learning disabilities of which we should be aware: _____

* Please complete and return this form to Annunciation Parish, Attention Sacramental Preparation, 3547 Clifton Ave., Cincinnati, OH 45220 no later than Monday, August 16, 2010, along with the following:

- A check, payable to Annunciation Parish, for the \$40 per child registration fee.
- A copy of the child's baptismal certificate (only needed if child was not baptized at Annunciation Parish).

Sacramental Preparation is one of the central elements of our Faith Formation Process here at Annunciation Parish, but it does not stand in isolation from other components of Faith Formation. Here at Annunciation we take a holistic, community and family-centered approach to Faith Formation. Essential to Catholic Christian Formation is the centrality of Eucharist and Sunday Mass. Just as important are the Scriptures and the Church's Calendar of Seasons and Feasts. In a very real way, the Bible is the "textbook" for a Catholic Christian, and the Liturgical Calendar, or the Cycle of Seasons and Feasts, is the "lesson plan." Other components of our Faith Formation Process for children include offerings in catechesis (formation) for persons of all ages, Celebrations for Seasons and Feasts, and Lectionary Based (based on Scriptures proclaimed at Sunday Mass) Catechesis*. (*This is our Sunday Sowers gathering which meets Sunday mornings from 10:10-10:50 a.m., between our Sunday morning Masses, Advent-Pentecost each year).

All the baptized, including children, are called to serve others in Jesus' name. There are many ways at Annunciation Parish for persons of all ages to become involved in ministry to others. We will look more closely at some of the options for seven and eight year old children during our sacramental preparation gatherings.

One key element in sacramental preparation for reconciliation and Eucharist preparation is six parent/child gatherings (three for each sacrament). Reconciliation preparation will occur during the fall, with Eucharist (First Communion) preparation taking place in the winter and spring. Please note that the Catholic Church does require that children be prepared for the sacrament of reconciliation before beginning Eucharist preparation. Our first parent/child gathering for reconciliation preparation will take place here at Annunciation Parish on Thursday, September 23, 2010 from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Each of our six family gatherings will be held on Thursday evenings. The additional dates are October 7, 2010; November 4, 2010; February 3, 2011; March 3, 2011; and March 31, 2011. First Communion is scheduled for our 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 8, 2011. Other dates and expected family involvement for sacramental preparation will be discussed at our September 23 gathering.

To access more information about sacramental preparation and faith formation at Annunciation Parish, please visit the faith formation pages of our parish web site: www.annunciationbvmparish.org.