

Sacraments

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Children's Catechumenate- RCIC – Christian Initiation of Children who have Reached Catechetical Age (7 years old or older)

The Christian initiation of these children requires both a conversion that is personal and somewhat developed, in proportion to their age, and the assistance of the education they need. (The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults, "The Christian Initiation of Children Who Have Reached Catechetical Age", p. 155)

1. This is a two-year program for children who were not baptized as infants, who have attained the age of reason, are of catechetical age, and who will participate in the Rite of Christian Initiation at the Easter Vigil.
2. Children will attend weekly age-appropriate classes.
3. Parent and child will attend Sacrament Preparation Meetings periodically as required by the pastor.
4. **Parents are required to attend 5 Parent Education Meetings in the 2 year of preparation.**
5. **Parent and child are required to attend 1 Reconciliation Retreats (3 consecutive Friday evenings) in the 2 year of preparation.**
6. Children will celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil of their second year.

First year participants will attend age-appropriate classes with children who are already baptized, and are preparing to celebrate First Eucharist. The second year of classes emphasizes the child's relationship with God, and their families within the body of Christ, the Church. A sponsor accompanies the child on his /her journey. All sponsors must fulfill diocesan requirements.

During the two years, special sessions are held to help children, families, sponsors prepare for the celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, and parents are required to attend mandatory parent session and retreats.

The celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation takes place during the Easter Vigil of the second year. The children then begin a period of reflection on the initiation process called mystagogy where they reflect on the sacraments celebrated and continue to grow in their faith.



Sacramental Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist

The liturgical life of the church revolves around the sacraments, with the Eucharist at the center. Catechesis for the Eucharist recognizes it as the heart of Christian life for the whole Church, for the dioceses, and parishes, and for each individual Christian. (National Directory for Catechesis, pp. 113 and 124.)

The two-year preparation program to celebrate First Eucharist teaches children about the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.

1. First Eucharist preparation is a two-year process.
2. The child is at least seven years of age at the time the sacrament of First Eucharist is celebrated.
3. The child has completed one full year of Catholic faith formation in a parish program or parochial school the year before beginning the second year of preparation at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.
4. If the parish program or parochial school is other than St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, a letter from the parish or school stating that the child has been in the program or school the previous year must be presented at the time of registration.
5. Parents or guardians are registered members of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish or a Catholic Parish in the Las Vegas Diocese.
6. The child is registered in and regularly attends Faith Formation sessions at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish.
7. **Parents are required to attend 5 Parent Education Meetings in the 2nd year of preparation.**
8. **Parent and child are required to attend 1 Reconciliation Retreat (3 consecutive Friday evenings) and 1 Eucharist Retreat prior to the celebrations.**
9. Children baptized in other faith traditions will make a Profession of Faith and then celebrate First Eucharist.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation restores our covenant relationship with God that is broken or harmed by sin. Reconciliation frees us of the obstacles that sin creates so we may again celebrate the loving relationship God offers us. Reconciliation Initiation is celebrated during Lent of the second year of preparation.