

July 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians

As most of you know, Grade 2 is an important year in your child's sacramental life. Your child will be celebrating both the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion in the spring of 2018.

Although the Parent Information meeting will not be held until January 22nd, 2018, we would like you to think about whether your child is ready to receive these sacraments. The preparation for your child is part of the school curriculum so whether your child makes his/her sacraments in Grade 2 or later, they will all take part in the preparation.

It is important to note that your child must have been baptised in the Catholic Church in order to receive First Holy Communion. If your child has not been baptised but you want them to take part in the sacraments with the rest of their friends, **they must be baptised before the end of November, 2017**. Therefore we suggest that you get in touch with the parish office ([613-738-1943](tel:613-738-1943)) to register your child for Baptism at your earliest convenience. Baptisms are normally held on the last Sunday of every month at St. Bernard Church. **Children who have not been baptised by the end of November will not be able to receive the Sacraments in the spring of 2018.**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the parish office.

We wish you and your family a safe summer season.

St. Bernard Parish Sacramental Team