



HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC CHURCH

9531 Liberty Road • Randallstown, MD 21233 • 410.922.3800

SUNDAY SCHOOL OF RELIGION

Policy and Procedures for 2025 – 2026

REGISTRATION

Each student is registered with the form provided by the parish. Tuition helps with the cost of resources used for SOR. It does not cover the total cost of SOR. Scholarships for those families that consider paying the tuition a hardship will be considered upon request.

WHEN A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS REQUIRED

Any student enrolled in sacramental preparation must have a baptismal certificate on file with SOR by October 31, 2025. The parent or guardian must contact the church of baptism and have the baptismal certificate to the parent or directly to: Holy Family Parish, Sunday School of Religion, 9531 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133.

Any questions or difficulties should be directed to Michael Oguizu, Director of Faith Formation, at the Parish Office (michael.oguizu.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5).

ATTENDANCE

- **Regular and prompt attendance is expected** for the sake of your child's faith formation. Regarding sacramental preparation programs, it is necessary to prepare your child to have the proper disposition to receive the sacrament. **Please arrive by the Opening Assembly in the Hall by 9:30 AM.**
- Parents and guardians must contact Michael Oguizu if their child will be absent, along with a reason (michael.oguizu@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 5). When a new Director of Faith Formation takes office, these notices will go to him or her. Contact information will be provided.
- If a student misses a session without explanation, then the parent or guardian will be contacted to inquire about the student's well-being or to ascertain if there is a problem that can be addressed.
- Students are to participate in the classes in a manner appropriate for a young disciple of Christ. Any disciplinary issues will be communicated with a parent or guardian as soon as possible.
- **Parents or guardians are to pick up their children promptly at 10:45 AM at the child's classroom.** If you have designated another adult to pick up your child(ren), the adult must be named on your Registration Form.

FAMILY LIFE PROGRAM

By signing the registration form, you agree that your child may participate in the Family Life curriculum mandated by the Archdiocese of Baltimore. If you have an issue or would like to instruct your child yourself with these materials, please let Father Harris and Michael Oguizu know and the materials will be provided for you.

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SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS

Formation sessions for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, Confirmation, and the Order of Christian Initiation of Children occur during scheduled times per the SOR 2025 – 2026 Calendar. Retreats are required to properly prepare the children to receive their sacraments.

Registration and the participation of the student in the sacramental preparation program means that they will receive First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation during the Holy Family Parish celebration. Emergency situations will be considered by the Pastor and Director of Faith Formation.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & FIRST EUCHARIST

Ordinarily, these sacraments are received by baptized Catholics in Grade 2. However, we will work with you if your baptized Catholic child is in a higher grade. First Reconciliation will be scheduled several months before First Eucharist, which is on May 3, 2026.

CONFIRMATION

All Catholics in high school--who have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and Eucharist--are eligible for these sessions. For the past several years, *confirmandi* have received the Sacrament of Confirmation at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday, which is on May 24, 2026

The new age for this sacrament (age 9) will be implemented at Holy Family Parish in the Fall of 2027. Parents and guardians will be kept informed about children who will need to receive this sacrament before this implementation.

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF CHILDREN

For unbaptized children from ages 7 to 17. Following universal Church norm, they will prepare to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist during a liturgy scheduled in 2026.

For baptized Catholics ages 7 to 17 who have not received any other sacraments. They will receive the Sacraments of Penance first; then the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist during a liturgy scheduled in 2026.

For ages 7 to 17 who were baptized in another Christian community and would like to become a Catholic Christian. Written proof of a valid baptism is required. They would receive the Sacraments of Penance, Confirmation, and Eucharist during a liturgy scheduled in 2026.

FOR OTHER SITUATIONS

It is not too late if your children have not received these sacraments during the usual years. We will help you and your children to prepare and receive the sacraments. Please speak about your situation with Father Harris (rharris@archbalt.org or 410-922-3800, ext. 6).