

# Our Lady of Fatima Parish

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Dear Parents and Guardians of Children Wishing to Prepare for 1<sup>st</sup> Communion in 2017-2018:

## **A FEW DETAILS REGARDING 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION**

The celebration of 1<sup>st</sup> Communion usually happens when children have reached the age of 7 (grade 2). In September you will be receiving a Registration Form if you would like your child to be prepared for this Sacrament in grade 2. Preparation happens in many ways: teachers, parents and the parish community work together to help prepare your child for this happy occasion.

There are some steps you can take before September to plan for this special day:

**If your child was baptized in a Catholic Church** you will be asked for a copy of the baptismal certificate when you register for the Sacraments in the fall – this is a good time to start looking for it! If you need contact information for the church where your child was baptized please call the Parish Office and we will be happy to help.

**If your child is not yet baptized, or if s/he was baptized in another Christian community (ie not in a Catholic church)** please call the Church Office at 613-722-7661 so that suitable arrangements can be made. Consent of the parent/guardian is necessary and we need the time for the child to be prepared in the best way possible to be received into the Catholic Church.

Dates will be announced in September. Please make sure to mark your calendar for the following events connected to the preparation of your child, all of which are compulsory: Information/ Registration Night (parent must attend), Enrolment Ceremony, 1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation (confession), 1<sup>st</sup> Communion

Should you have any questions please feel free to connect with the church office or myself, and we look forward to being a part of your child's journey of faith!

Fr. Bosco Wong, Pastor