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Dear Parents and/or Guardians:

The candidates preparing for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are typically in grade two since theoretically by then they should have some understanding of the Catholic faith. If you have a child who is older and has not received their First Communion or First Reconciliation may also be enrolled at this time.

Sacramental preparation is the parent's responsibility with the help of the parish. Considering this, the parents' role on passing on the faith is paramount more than ever.

We are starting early this year to prepare for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist. This will involve the children participating in lessons that will take place in the Parish Hall lead by two parent volunteers and by extension at home. A schedule and an outline of a new program that we will be using will be presented at the parent meeting so that we will not be rushing.

There will be a mandatory parent meeting on Sunday, 18 October at 12:15pm (following the 11am Mass) in the church. If you cannot be there on that date, the same meeting content will take place on Tuesday, 20 October 2026 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.

Parents who want to register their child for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist can go to the parish website (see above) and download the Registration Form. ***You are asked to fill out the required information and include a copy of your child's Catholic Baptismal Certificate. Please bring them to the Parent meeting. Do not return them to the school.***

Please take time to help your children to form a deeper relationship with Jesus perhaps utilizing the following: *reading them short Bible stories (at their level of understanding), teaching them prayers, praying with them such as grace before meals and so on. I invite you and your family to participate at Sunday Mass at 11:00am in Railton on a regular basis.* Gathered to worship God as a parish community is the strongest connection to Jesus since this is where our calling as the Body of Christ unites us.

I hope that this process will be a benefit for you as a parent by actively building a spiritually strong bond with your child. It may also be a good opportunity for you reignite your faith as well.

The Sacramental Team and I are looking forward to meeting you on October 18th or 20th

Sincerely in the Lord,

(Fr.) Brent Brennan and the Sacramental Team,
St. Patrick Parish, Railton