



Dear Parents

24th January 2024

Sacramental Preparation 2023 - 2024

Our Year 4, 5, & 6 have the opportunity to celebrate receiving the sacraments of First Reconciliation in the Spring Term and First Holy Communion, which will be celebrated in the Summer Term.

We know that this will be an event of great joy for your family and for the whole Catholic community at St. Pius X.

Therefore, if your child has been baptised, we would be delighted to welcome them onto the Sacramental Programme so that we can support them on their spiritual journey. A copy of the baptismal certificate will be required before the programme commences.

The decision for your child to receive the sacraments is entirely yours.

We believe that 'The Eucharist is the very centre of Christian life and preparing children to share fully in an event of such importance demands our very best efforts. The ministry you are invited to engage with in this process can be fulfilled by you and you alone. As the National Catechetical Directory declares '*Parents have a right and duty to be intimately involved in preparing their children for First Communion*'. Of course we recognise that you need support with this very important task and that is why we are offering to help if you wish us to.

Our Sacramental Programme will help you to work with the staff and catechists in preparing your child. We are currently finalising the details of the preparation with Fr. John. Preparations will include going to Mass and sessions for children at school.

We are very much looking forward to working with you and your child during the coming months and growing closer to Jesus and discovering more about our Catholic faith.

We would be grateful if you would complete and return the slip attached to say whether or not you want to go ahead with the preparations by 31st January. Once numbers are finalised the dates and times of the programme will be sent out.

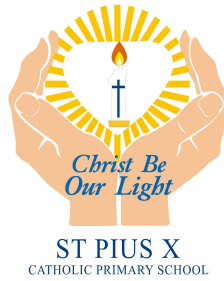
Yours sincerely,

Miss Haycock and Mrs Jackson

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I..... (print name)

Parent/Guardian of..... (child's name)

Please tick your choice below:

I do wish my child to take part in the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Programme this year.

I do not wish my child to take part in the First Holy Communion and Reconciliation Programme this year.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

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