

Profile of the All Souls Parish Religious Education Program

In our Religious Education Program, we as a Parish of All Souls look forward to make an **alliance with our Teachers and Parents to become effective intentional catechists.**

We as a team of Catechists shall formulate, present and teach sacramental preparation.

This is an endeavor for us: Teachers and Parents who are called upon to be "Catechists" are charged with the task to pass on the living signs of faith to our children and adults; we need to present these "**pearls of great price**" as the Church's greatest treasures.

This year, let us share our triumphs and trials in order to resolve to incrementally bring wisdom, teaching tips, make efforts to pray together, to participate in the Sunday Eucharist as a family and a little more inspiration and support for our children.

All Souls Parish offers a Sacramental Preparation Program

This program prepares children to receive the Sacraments of:

- First Reconciliation
- First Holy Eucharist
- Confirmation

This Program is for those preparing to receive the Sacrament of First reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. It is a two years long program. Each year usually begins in the month of September and ends in the month of May. It varies a little every year. However, it is designed more or less to fit in with the general School or academic schedules.

Ages 3 to 5: This program offers Pre-school Religious Education classes on Sunday afternoon at 12 noon in Spanish, from the month of September through May to all Baptized children living in our parish.

1st Grade through 5th: The Religious Education office admits Baptized Catholic children belonging to this group to the program of preparing for the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Eucharist. *This is a two year program.* It is a universal administrative sacramental practice across the United States of America to administer the sacrament of the First Holy Communion to children once they have reached an age of being able to distinguish between right from wrong; once they have an understanding and of knowing good from bad.

The Conference of the Catholic Bishops of the United States of America issued as a general norm for all the dioceses across the nation to administer the sacrament of First Reconciliation prior to the administration of the sacrament of the First Holy Communion. The Conference of the Catholic Bishops of the United States of America, has directed as a general practice to determine this age to be roughly when the children are in the second grade.