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Dear Parents/Guardians:

Your child is invited to receive the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion during the 2023-2024 school year. This is an important time in the life of faith of your family and of the whole parish.

What is First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion?

The sacrament of Reconciliation, or Penance, is a celebration of the Church's proclamation of God's loving mercy through Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. The first Holy Communion, or Holy Eucharist, marks the beginning of a very important relationship with Jesus – receiving the Body of Christ and sharing at the table of the Lord with the whole parish community. This will be the first of many!

If your family belongs to our Parish, we welcome your registration for your child's preparation and reception of the Sacraments at Saint Pius X Parish. If you attend another parish, you will need to inquire about their preparation process from them.

**The registration form on our Parish website at [www.saintpiusx.ca](http://www.saintpiusx.ca) will be available on September 19th. This form will remain open until October 20<sup>th</sup>.**

Please complete the form online and upload a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. You will also be asked to offer \$50 to pay the costs of the workshops, materials and administration. A Paypal button is on the registration page. If you are unable to make the program offering, please contact the Parish office. Inability to pay will not prevent the candidate from receiving the sacrament.

The registration form will ask you to register for a mandatory introduction meeting. During this meeting we will have a chance to meet and review the process for preparing for these sacraments as well as some Key Dates.

We look forward to meeting you and your children and preparing them for these significant sacraments! Please let us know if you have any questions.

With my blessings,

Fr. Massillamani Zacharias (Fr. Mani)

Pastor

St. Pius X Parish