



## *Sacred Heart Religious Education*

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Dear Sacred Heart School families,

You are receiving this letter because you will have a child in our school in second or eighth grade in the 2017-2018 school year, which are the years when First Reconciliation/First Communion and Confirmation are typically celebrated. The Sacred Heart School faculty and staff work together with the Religious Education Office staff to prepare our school children for their sacraments, so you will receive communication from both places throughout this year. As the Director of Religious Education (DRE), I will facilitate our parent meetings for Confirmation, and First Reconciliation/First Communion, as well as help coordinate the services/Masses for both. (As a school parent myself, I remember years ago wondering why I was hearing from the Religious Education staff with regard to my son's First Communion, so I thought it would be a good idea to explain how this all works!)

Please know that all of us in the school and in the parish office are here to answer your questions and help in any way we can as your children prepare for their sacraments. You can reach me at 609-267-6319, ext. 307 or via email at [jdonohue@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:jdonohue@parishofsacredheart.org), the Religious Education Administrative Assistant, Mrs. Amy Raimondi, at ext. 324 or via email at [rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org](mailto:rel.ed@parishofsacredheart.org).

As we plan for our sacramental celebrations, our office requires certain paperwork to be filled out, which you will receive during the next school year. **However the first form which needs to be filled out (on the following page) must be returned by June 9<sup>th</sup>.** Please be sure to read through and fill out everything carefully. Also please note that we do post information and paperwork on our school web site regularly, so feel free to check the pertinent pages under this link for updates etc.: <http://sacred-heart-school.org/sacrament-preparation>

Thank you and we look forward to sharing a faith-filled year with all of our families as we work together to prepare the children for these beautiful sacraments!

Yours sincerely in Christ,

Mrs. Jessica Donohue  
Director of Religious Education

*Sacrament Form for  
Sacred Heart School Second and Eighth Grade Catholic Students, 2017-2018*

Dear Parents,

In September we will begin a wonderful year of sacramental preparation for First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation! In order for us to prepare for these sacramental celebrations, we ask that you fill in this form and return it by **June 9<sup>th</sup>** to your child's teacher.

Our School and Religious Education Office work together with regard to sacraments; as such, please note that you will receive communication from both offices this year about First Communion/Reconciliation and Confirmation.

Some important information for Catholic Parents:

- ⇒ Your child must be a registered parishioner at a Catholic church in order to make sacraments.
- ⇒ If your family is registered with another parish, you must obtain a letter of permission from your pastor and submit this letter to the Religious Education Office as soon as possible or by November 1<sup>st</sup>.
- ⇒ A copy of your child's baptismal certificate must be on file with the school. The Religious Education Office requires this as well and will obtain a copy of the certificate from the School Office. If for some reason there is no baptismal certificate on file, you will be contacted and informed that you need to provide one.

If you have any questions, please contact the School Office (609-267-1728) or Religious Education Office (609-267-6319). Thank you!

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**Please return on or before June 9<sup>th</sup>.**

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check the applicable box below -

- Family is not Catholic/does not need to receive future information regarding sacraments.
- Family is Catholic and are parishioners of Sacred Heart; child will make his/her sacrament(s) at Sacred Heart.
- Family is Catholic, are parishioners at another church and will request and send in a letter of permission from the pastor as soon as possible allowing the child to make sacrament(s) at Sacred Heart.

Catholic Parish where family is currently registered, if not Sacred Heart: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_