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A MESSAGE FROM ST. AMBROSE CHURCH

Attention All Parents Currently Preparing Their Child for First Reconciliation

Happy New Year! I hope you are all in good health and staying safe. The time since we met has passed by rather quickly and here we are in mid-January.

Preparation of First Reconciliation should almost be complete. At our meeting in November it was proposed that First Reconciliation would take place at the end of January. Talking with Father Ian last week he felt that First Reconciliation should take place at the end of February during Lent.

That being changed will not prevent the start up for First Communion preparation beginning the first week of February. Thus enabling you the parents the option to attend Zoom meetings offered by priests of our Diocese. These sessions are being offered to assist you in preparing your child for the sacrament. I will prepare First Communion packages for each child and will have them available for pick up on Thursday January 21st at St. Josephs School.

Other resources the Diocese encourages parents to use while preparing their children for sacraments is the website for the "Growing in Faith Growing in Christ" program used in Religion class. There are activities, prayers and songs that may enrich the preparation. Another resource is the Diocese website <https://www.catholiccyc.ca/sacraments.html>. There you will find information re: Zoom meetings, timelines and chapter information.

Another request: I wish to create a bulletin board for our sacraments class.

Title: We Are Preparing for First Communion Pray for Us.

I'd like to include your child's first name on the bulletin board. **Please call me if you do not wish your child's name on this project.**

Lastly I wish to thank you all for your dedicated teaching and preparing your child for the sacraments of Reconciliation and First Communion.

If you have any questions or requests please call me Sylvia Zalik at 403-394-6234 .