

Welcome to St. Anthony of Padua Sacramental Preparation Program

*Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for 2nd-6th grade is accomplished through the Sacramental Preparation Program.

*Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for 7th – 9th grade is accomplished through the Youth Ministry Department, however, you will follow the registration guidelines listed below.

*Preparation for First Reconciliation and First Communion for 10th – 12th grade is handled on an individual basis and will still follow the registration requirements below.

Registration Requirements

1) Complete one full year of Faith Formation prior to enrollment in the Sacramental Preparation Program in one of the following areas:

- a. **St. Anthony of Padua Faith Formation Program with excellent attendance**
- b. **St. Anthony of Padua Homeschool Faith Formation Program**
- c. **St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School or other Catholic School**

Note: If your child attends a Catholic school other than St. Anthony of Padua, you must submit a letter from the school stating he or she completed a full year of religious education in the 2015-2016 academic year.

Note: The Sacramental Preparation Program is a 2 year program. The first year is grade level Religious Education (catechesis). The second year is the continuation of catechesis as well as sacramental preparation.

2) Your family must be registered parishioners of St. Anthony of Padua. If you are not a registered parishioner of St. Anthony of Padua, please visit our web-site or stop by our office to begin the parishioner registration process. <http://www.staoptw.org/parish-registration-form>

3) You must have an updated Paduan Portal account in order to register for the Sacramental Preparation Program. Please log into your account and review your information for accuracy and to make sure your email addresses are correct. If you do not have a Paduan Portal account, please visit our website to create an account.

<http://www.staoptw.org/paduan-portal#getstarted>

4) Children must continue to receive Faith Formation instruction while completing the requirements for the Sacramental Preparation Program. Therefore, your child must be registered for and attend weekly Faith Formation classes during the academic year at St. Anthony of Padua OR attend Catholic school during the academic year.

- If your child will be attending Faith Formation at St. Anthony of Padua, you may register your child beginning in August. Registration is available online at staoptw.org/registration.

-If your child will be attending St. Anthony of Padua Catholic School during the academic year, this requirement is fulfilled through your daily religious education classes.

-If your child will attending a Catholic school other than St. Anthony of Padua, please obtain a letter for the school confirming enrollment for the school year.

5) A copy of your child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE and BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE must accompany your registration. If you do not have a copy of the Baptismal Certificate please contact the church of Baptism for assistance in obtaining a copy. *We will not be able to enroll your child in the Sacramental Preparation Program without these documents.*

Registration Process

--Registration for the Sacramental Preparation Program is a two-step process.

1) Complete the Sacramental Preparation Program Verification Form. This form can be found at our website at www.staoptw.org/1st-communion1st-reconciliation listed under the heading DOCUMENTS on the right hand side of the screen. This form will be available to printout beginning in August. Complete this form and attach your child's BIRTH CERTIFICATE and BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE. You may then turn in the Sacramental Preparation Program Verification Form AND the Birth Certificate and Baptismal Certificate as well as any other necessary documentation to our Parish Office any time the office is open.

2) We will verify the information you provided on the Sacramental Preparation Program Verification Form. Once everything has been verified, we will email you a link that will enable you to COMPLETE YOUR CHILD'S REGISTRATION in and remit payment for the Sacramental Preparation Program through your Paduan Portal account.

Note: Your child will not be enrolled in the Sacramental Preparation Program until you complete this step.

We are looking forward to the upcoming year and feel so blessed to be able to walk this faith journey with you and your child.

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