



# Our Lady of Hope Parish

## A Jesuit Ministry



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Notice to grade 1 & 2 Parents of Students preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist

There will be some changes this year in the way our Catholic students in grades 1 & 2 prepare to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation.

For a good number of years, the students preparing for these sacraments of initiation became part of the Our Lady of Hope preparation program. St. Brigid students attended religious ed classes at school, parents of these grade levels joined in the parish parent meetings here at OLH, and all the children received the sacraments here at OLH.

This year students will continue to have their regular religious education classes at St. Brigid, but preparation for receiving the sacraments will be done in a student's home parish. This is being done because it is important for students and parents be connected to and actively involved with their home parish community. For that same reason, the celebration of the sacraments will happen in the home parish. This change is in line with the policy of the Diocese.

Families at Our Lady of Hope Parish need to register their child (or children) for the OLH parish faith formation program which will take place on Sunday mornings and included the 9 AM Mass at St. Pius and faith formation session following Mass. There will be a session for parents each month at the same time as the children's meeting, usually the first Sunday.

St. Brigid families who belong to a parish other than OLH will need to register for the two-year (grades 1 and 2) sacramental preparation program offered by their own home parish.

Sincerely,

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