Sacramental Year 1 (First Reconciliation) 2027 Packet

(In Person and Homeschooling)

In addition to the information below, all requirements and forms are available on the ***Launch website****: https://www.st-ann.org/launch/*

Welcome to Launch, St. Ann's Children's Ministry!

Please take a moment to review the program details and requirements below. We look forward to growing in faith together with you!

We will use the database below to track each student's lesson completion and sacramental requirements throughout the year. Each student will be assigned a unique **Launch ID#.** Parents will receive an email with their child's Launch ID# within the next few weeks. Please note that updating the database is a manual process. We appreciate your patience and ask that you allow our Launch staff a few weeks to enter and verify all student information. **2026-2027 Sacrament Year 1 Student Checklist Database IN PERSON and HOMESCHOOLING.**

Sacramental Year 1 (First Reconciliation) Program Requirements:

1. Parish Registration (Required by December 31st, 2026).

- **All Sacramental Year 1 students and their families must be registered as parishioners at St. Ann's**. To register online, please fill out the **PARISH REGISTRATION** or go to **st-ann.org** and click on REGISTER. Parish registration is required to help us maintain accurate religious education and sacramental records for all participating families.

2. Sacramental Information for BAPTISM (Required by December 31st, 2026).

- All parents are required to complete the Baptismal Certificate information for Sacramental Year students which collects important information needed by the Archdiocese to officially record your child's sacraments. **Please make sure that your child's full legal name matches the name listed on their Baptismal Certificate.** This is very important because:
    - We need to know what name to print on your child's First Communion Certificate, it needs to match their Baptismal Certificate.
    - A copy of the First Communion Certificate will be sent to the church where your child was baptized (US only churches), to be added to their permanent sacramental record, so they need to match.

- Any discrepancies (even small ones) in the name could cause complications for future sacraments, such as Confirmation or Marriage.

If there are any errors or inconsistencies in your child's records, now is the time to correct them and we will be happy to assist you with that.

- Please submit a copy (photo, pdf) of your child's Baptismal Certificate by uploading it to the JotForm (preferred) or by emailing to isikora@st-ann.org. Families who sent us Baptismal Certificates already will see a "checked" mark next to your student's ID on our 2026-2027 Sacrament Year 1 Student Checklist Database in the Baptismal Certificate column. Please use your student's ID to verify. Even if your child was baptized at St. Ann, we still ask that you send in a copy of the Baptismal Certificate**.** We've noticed some discrepancies with names and details in the past, so having the certificate helps us make sure everything is accurate.

3. Launch classes (Due April 1st, 2027)

- Please review the **2026-2027 LAUNCH CALENDAR**.
- In-person students may miss up to three classes without completing a make-up class. Additional absences must be made up by attending another Launch session or completing the online lesson and quiz, available on the **2026-2027 Sacrament Year 1 Student Checklist Database IN PERSON and HOMESCHOOLING.** All lessons must be completed **by April 1st, 2027.** Parents will receive their child's student ID by email after class rosters have been finalized.
- Homeschooling students are required to complete all 22 lessons during the 2026/2027 school year. No absences are allowed. All lessons must be completed **by April 1st, 2027.**

4. Parents Faith Formation (Due May 1st, 2027)

- Parents of all Sacramental Year 1 students are now required to complete **six hours of Faith Formation** through programs of their choice. This requirement must be **completed by May 1st, 2027.**

  Why?

  In the Archbishop's memo to all parish leaders, he has asked all parishes to make their sacramental programs involve family faith formation. Many parishes are moving to all religious education being a family model in which **parents attend all classes/sessions with their children**. At St. Ann's, we feel our current model of separate grade level classes works for our parish, but to fulfill the requirement of the Archbishop we are adding a family formation requirement to be completed by parents separately. We understand that families have extremely busy lives, so instead of asking you all to attend all 22 classes with your child, parents will just be asked to complete 6 hours of their choice of faith formation. We will offer multiple options and opportunities for you to do so.

- Your child's record in our database will include a separate tab for tracking the Parent Faith Formation requirements. Homeschool students' IDs are listed below the in-person students' IDs.
- **Exemptions:** Parents who are **catechists at Launch** or **work at a Catholic school** are **exempt**. They are already receiving faith formation through Launch classes or their workplace.
- If you ALSO have children preparing for First Communion (Launch Sacramental Year 2) or Confirmation, you may choose which Parent Faith Formation program you would like to participate in. We understand

that this requirement may raise questions, and we are happy to help. Please feel free to reach out to the Launch staff if you need any clarification or assistance.

Parent Faith Formation Options:

1. **Sessions at St. Ann.** We will offer live Parent Faith Formation sessions led by Fr. Jim. These sessions will provide an opportunity for parents to deepen their understanding of the faith. These sessions are for parents only. One or more guardians of the sacramental child must attend. These sessions will be **Live Stream** and recorded on **St. Ann YouTube** channel for your convenience.
   Parents attending in person will be asked to sign the attendance sheet upon arrival in order to receive attendance credit. If you are unable to attend in person, you may participate by watching the livestream or viewing the recording on YouTube. Parents who participate online must complete the **Parents Faith Formation ATTENDANCE FORM** to receive attendance credit.
   Faith Formation sessions will take place in the church and will be led by Fr. Jim on the following dates:

   Wednesday, ~~September 9, 2026~~, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm - **TALK#1 recorded on 9/21/26**
   Wednesday, ~~October 14, 2026~~, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm - **TALK#2 recorded on 9/30/26**
   Wednesday, **November 4, 2026**, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm - **TALK#3 RECORDING**
   Wednesday, **January 6, 2027**, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm
   Wednesday, **February 3, 2027**, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm
   Wednesday, **April 14, 2027**, church, 7:15pm-8:15pm

   Parents are invited to attend the 6:30pm Mass before Fr. Jim's talk.

2. **Sunday Parent Talks.** Every Sunday (except for 8/9, 12/13 and 3/21) when Launch is on session (**2026-2027 LAUNCH CALENDAR**) parents are welcome to attend sessions offered by our deacons in room 301 (8:45am-10:15am). Parents attending in person do not need to complete the electronic Parents Faith Formation form. An attendance sheet will be available on-site, and we ask all parents to sign in upon arrival.
3. **Please visit** **Encounter: St. Ann Adult faith formation** for additional options offered by St. Ann.
4. You are also welcome to engage in **other Faith Formation programs**, please remember to share details when submitting **Parents Faith Formation ATTENDANCE FORM** for credit.

5. First Reconciliation

Please note these important dates for their Reconciliation:

May 2027

Date	Day	Session	Notes
May 6	**Th**	**SY1:** First Reconciliation Review Night	La Salette Hall 6-7pm
May 10	**Mon**	**SY1:** First Reconciliation	church 6-7pm

6. Texts

To make sure you do not miss any special dates or announcements for your child's sacrament year, please sign up for our text messages by texting **@sy1rec** to the number **81010.**

Important Dates for Your Calendar:

1. **08/31/2026 -** Electronic acknowledgement confirming receipt and review of this Sacramental Year 1 (First Reconciliation) 2027 Packet.
2. **Parents Faith Formation sessions:**
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3. **12/31/2026** - Parish registration and Baptismal information.
4. **04/01/2027** - All students' lessons due.
5. **05/01/2027** - Parents Faith Formation talks due.
6. **05/06/2027** - First Reconciliation Review Night
7. **05/10/2027** - First Reconciliation

Please contact Izabela Sikora isikora@st-ann.org with questions.

SIGNATURE REQUIRED (by 8/31/26):

In support of our Zero Waste initiative and to reduce paper use and waste, we kindly ask parents to submit an electronic acknowledgement confirming receipt and review of this Year 1 Information Packet for school year 2026-2027 HERE.