Sacred Heart of Jesus RC Church Sittingbourne First Holy Communion Application Form 2024

Dear Parent/Guardian,

I am writing this message to you at this very important stage in your journey of faith with your child. You have observed and helped your child make physical first steps into the world with great joy. You have also guided your child through his/her initial spiritual journey by word and action. At Baptism he/she was received into the family of God by water and the Holy Spirit.

You are now embarking on another stage of your child's spiritual journey in the Sacraments of First Reconciliation and Holy Communion. What a great gift of God has given us in these two Sacraments! The Catechism of the Catholic Church teaches, "The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the Christian life." At this time we are also reminded of our own First Holy Communion and the tremendous love God has for each of us.

In our parish community of the Sacred Heart, we have a dedicated team of catechists, working with me. However, you as a parent will be the first catechist to your child. Thus, we offer a family-led Catechesis programme that requires parents or another adult member of the family such as a Grandparent, Aunt, Uncle, to accompany their child by attending 8 adult formation sessions with the aim of empowering them to bring their child into a closer relationship with Jesus and gain a deeper understanding of the Eucharist. It will only be possible if you are well conversant with the programme, not only for your child, but for your own faith as well.

May I wish you and the family, God's abundant blessings and a heart open to what Jesus is about to bring to you and your child.

Peace and Joy. Fr. Arbo

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For Parent
Main contact person's First Name: Surname:
Relationship: D Mother D Father D Other:
Contact number:
Email address:
Mass usually attend: □ 5pm Saturday □ 9:30am Sunday □ 11:00am Sunday
□ Other:
 The Baptism certificate of the child is required. Please send to the Parish Office by email with the child's name once you apply this form. Parish email: <u>sittingbourne@rcaos.org.uk</u> All the personal information only for the First Holy Communion use. If you have any enquiry please email to the Parish office or leave a message during the office opening hours: Mon, Wed, Fri 9am-2pm. Tel: 01795 555708.
□ I understand and accept the above information.
Signature: Date: