



Children of Mary Home Schoolers

Pastoral Permission for Sacramental Preparation and Participation for Children Of Mary Home School Students Regarding **Confirmation**

For a number of years, the Children of Mary homeschooling families have been allowed the privilege of celebrating the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist Confirmation as a group. As COMHS continues to grow, we seek to maintain full and open communication with our pastors and parish families. We appreciate permission from our pastors for the sacramental preparation of our children to take place in the home school, and for our children to receive the sacraments with the COMHS group.

In a letter received from the Most Reverend Bishop Richard Malone, validation is cited for the sacramental preparation of our children within the home: "... in the case of Children of Mary homeschooled students ... I believe the preparation they receive in the home is a valuable and valid alternate model of sacramental preparation."

Regarding Confirmation, the letter states that COMHS students must be at the high school level (9th grade) within the home school. COMHS families are to obtain their pastor's permission. The diocese affirmed that Children of Mary homeschooled students may receive Confirmation as a group.

_____, will be receiving Confirmation in _____ of 20____
(child's name) (month)

_____ have permission to prepare him/her, and
(parents' names)

he/she may receive this Sacrament with Children of Mary Home School families.

Pastor's Signature :

Date : _____

