



# PRINCE OF PEACE CATHOLIC CHURCH

In the Diocese of Portland—Formation for the Reception of the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Confirmation and First Communion is a two year process. The following are the guidelines for preparation here at Prince of Peace Parish.

## Sacramental Prep Year I

*Child participates in General Religious Education either through the Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Schools or through Homeschooling.*

*For those in our Faith Formation programs run by the Parish, an attendance rate of 80% is expected.*

- January : Parent only meeting
- February: Parent and Child participate in a morning retreat on Baptism  
⇒ *Parents get Parent Led First Year Preparation Book to begin working on with their child at home. The book needs to be finished by the Lenten Retreat.*
- The end of Lent—Parent and Child participate in a short morning retreat on Lent.

## Sacramental Prep Year II

*Child participates in second year of General Religious Education either through the Parish Faith Formation, Catholic Schools or through Homeschooling.*

*For those in our Faith Formation programs run by the Parish, an attendance rate of 80% is expected.*

- November: Parents only meeting  
⇒ *Parents get Parent Led First Reconciliation Book to begin working on with their child at home. The book needs to be finished by the First Reconciliation Retreat.*
- March: First Reconciliation Retreat
- March/April: First Reconciliation
- April: Confirmation Retreat  
⇒ *Parents get Parent Led First Communion Book to begin working on with their child at home. The book needs to be finished by the First Eucharist Retreat.*
- Fall of Year II—First Eucharist Retreat
  - *Confirmation and First Communion Mass with the Bishop.*

**Retreat experiences are meant for Parents and Child only. These are unique non-repeatable opportunities for you to share in the faith development of your child.**

*If a parent can not be present they may be accompanied by a Godparent or Grandparent.*

*Siblings should have alternate arrangements.*