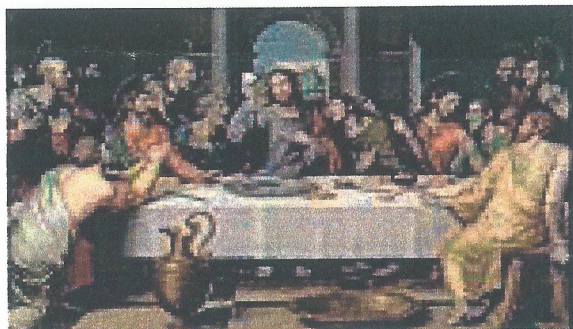


## A word on Reconciliation...

Reconciliation is not a sacrament of initiation. It is a sacrament of healing. Reconciliation is celebrated before the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist

### Resources:

Catechism of the Catholic Church (CCC)  
December 27, 2006, Pastoral Letter to the  
Faithful of the Diocese of St. Paul – *The  
Restoration of the Order of the  
Sacraments of Christian Initiation.*  
*When Your Child Attends a Catholic School*  
(Christ the Redeemer Catholic Schools)



Students who are not Catholic or belong to another Denomination or Religion still learn about the sacraments in their religious education classes, however, respecting their own Faith Tradition they are to receive their sacraments or Religious rites and rituals in their own Faith Community.

## Is Your Child Baptized?

NO

If you wish to have your child baptized, contact your parish.

"Holy Baptism is the basis of the whole Christian life, the gateway to life in the Spirit, and the door which gives access to the other sacraments." CCC 1213

YES

"After Baptism, children are invited to First Reconciliation in Grade 2 or at the beginning of Grade 3 followed by Confirmation and First Communion in Grade 3." Dec 27, 2006 Pastoral Letter

Do you wish to have your child receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation, Confirmation and Eucharist / First Communion?

Contact:

St. Paul's Cathedral

4625—50 Ave

St. Paul, AB T0A 3A3

Tel: (780) 645—3033

Email: [parishspcp@mcsnet.ca](mailto:parishspcp@mcsnet.ca)

Web: [www.stpaulcathedral.ca](http://www.stpaulcathedral.ca)



Baptism



Confirmation



Eucharist

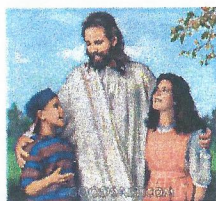
# Sacraments of Initiation *God's Embrace*





## A Word on the Sacraments

It is our pleasure to welcome you and your child / children to the wonderful experience of education in a Catholic School. As a member of the Catholic Faith Community (Parish, School, Family) we invite you to receive the special gifts of grace we obtain through the sacraments.



### Sacraments...

are visible realities, outward signs and actions that convey for us the invisible reality of God's love and saving grace, **God's Embrace.**

### Sacraments of Initiation

**Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist**

Through these sacraments we enter into a Holy Covenant, a Sacred Bond with God the Father, His Son, Jesus and the Holy Spirit. We become members of the Catholic Church.

Through the Church and her sacraments God is reaching out to hug **you.**

## Baptism

Immersion in water, anointing with oil, wearing a white garment and lighting a candle are all sacramental signs of new birth into divine life.

### Baptism

- is "the gateway to life in the Spirit"  
CCC 1213

- "is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" CCC 1216

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,"  
MT 28. 19

## Reconciliation

We confess our sins to a priest who "is the sign and the instrument of God's merciful love for [us]". CCC 1465

### Reconciliation

- grants us the forgiveness of our sins  
CCC 1441

- brings about great peace, consolation and healing CCC 1468

- restores our dignity as children of God.  
CCC 1468

"If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them;" Jn 20: 23

## Confirmation

The gifts and the fruits of the Holy Spirit come upon us in a special way.

### Confirmation

- is the laying on of hands and anointing with oil. "This seal of the Holy Spirit marks our total belonging to Christ" and strengthens us as witnesses of Christ.  
CCC 1296

"... you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses... to the ends of the earth."  
Acts 1.8

## Eucharist

We receive communion, the body and blood of Jesus Christ. We grow in union with God and intimacy with Christ.

### Eucharist

- is Jesus Christ "the bread of life, come down from heaven" CCC 1338

- "sustains our strength" along the journey of life CCC 1419

- "is the source and summit of Christian life"  
CCC 1324

"This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." 1Cor 11:23