



## Children of Mary Home Schoolers

### Pastoral Permission for Sacramental Preparation and Participation for Children of Mary Home School Students Regarding **First Reconciliation** and **First Eucharist**

For a number of years, the Children of Mary homeschooling families have been allowed the privilege of celebrating the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist 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 First Reconciliation and First Eucharist, the letter states that COMHS students must be at the age of reason (seven years old), and the two sacraments must be received at least six months apart. COMHS families are to obtain their pastor's permission. The diocese affirmed that Children of Mary homeschooled students may receive these two sacraments as a group.

\_\_\_\_\_ will be celebrating First Reconciliation and/or  
(child's name)

First Eucharist in the winter of 20 \_\_\_\_ and the spring of 20\_\_\_\_ , respectively.

\_\_\_\_\_ have permission to prepare  
him/her, (parents' names)

and he/she may receive this sacrament with the Children of Mary Home School group.

Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_