



## Sacramental Preparation Policy – 2008–2009

In the Diocese of Raleigh First Reconciliation and First Eucharist are normally celebrated in Second Grade and Confirmation is usually celebrated in Tenth Grade. **The Diocese requires that all sacramental preparation last two years.**

Therefore St. Thomas More Catholic Community is ensuring that from now on this requirement is met for all students. Children who are of Second Grade age and who have never participated in Faith Development before this year will be accepted into Second Grade to prepare for Reconciliation and Eucharist within one year, for this year only (2008–2009). In future they will have to complete two years.

Parents of baptized children of this age **not previously registered** in Faith Development:

Pre-K or K	will be invited to participate in Faith Development (optional)
First Grade	must be registered in Faith Development to celebrate Reconciliation and Eucharist In Second Grade
Second Grade	May register to prepare for Reconciliation and Eucharist within one year (2008–2009), <b>this year only</b> . From September 2009 must be registered in first year of two year Sacramental Preparation program.
Third to Fifth Grade	must register for the first year of two year Sacramental Preparation program which meets during one of the Elementary Faith Development sessions on Sunday mornings.
Sixth Grade and older	must register for the first year of two year Sacramental Preparation program which meets during JYM and TYM sessions from 6:30pm to 8:00 pm on Sunday evenings.

Note: if in the previous year students have participated in Faith Development in another parish, they will be registered in the second year of the program, upon receipt of a letter to this effect from their former parish.