



Jesus said, I am the bread of life, he who comes to me shall not hunger and he who believes in me shall not thirst.

John: 6:35

Rite of Enrolment



*Sacrament of First
Holy Communion*



After the homily, the Priest invites the children, with their parents, to the front of the Church and addresses them in these or similar words:

Celebrant: We gather here today to affirm God's choice of our candidates for First Holy Communion. So let us listen as they are each called by name:

Families stand as they are named

Priest addresses the parents:

Celebrant: Parents, you have asked to have your child prepared for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. In doing so, you are accepting once more the responsibility of helping your child grow in the practice and understanding of the faith, in the love of God and one another as Jesus taught us. Do you understand what you are undertaking?

Parents: We do

Celebrant: As first and best teachers in the way of faith, I ask you to bear witness before this congregation, to your child's growth in faith and readiness for the reception of this Sacrament.

Are they being prepared to faithfully listen to God's word proclaimed by the Church?

Parents: They are.

Celebrant: Are they beginning to respond to God's word and to walk daily in God's presence?

Parents: They are.

Celebrant: Are they sharing in the company of their Christian brothers and sisters and joining with them in prayer?

Parents: They are.

Priest addresses the children:

Celebrant: And now you, my dear children, are you willing to come to know and love Jesus more deeply by the way that you prepare for this Sacrament, by working hard, by listening and speaking to God in prayer and by entering more fully into the life of the Church?

Children: I am.

Priest addresses the congregation:

Celebrant: My dear people, are you willing to help these young people and their parents to prepare for the Sacrament of the Eucharist as best they can by your prayers, your practical support and your example of Christian life?

Congregation: We are.

Priest addresses all:

Celebrant: Lord God, bless these children whom we enrol for the Sacrament of the Eucharist. Keep them close to you as they prepare to meet the loving Son in Holy Communion. We ask this through Christ our Lord, Amen.

The children and their parents may now return to their seats.

Prayers of Intercessions

Celebrant: As our candidates have now been called to prepare for their Sacrament of the Eucharist, we pray for them and their families that they will grow strong in faith.

We pray for these children, that they may grow daily in faith and love.

LORD HEAR US/LORD GRACIOUSLY HEAR US

We pray for their parents, that they be living examples of the Gospel.

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We pray for their teachers and Catechists, that they may always convey the beauty of God's word to those who search for it.

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We pray for this Parish community, that we may grow in charity and be constant in prayer.

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