

Resources Approved for use in the Diocese of Hamilton for Sacramental Preparation: First Communion, Reconciliation, and Confirmation

Previously Approved resources for First Communion and Reconciliation:

"We Prepare for Reconciliation" and *"We Share in the Eucharist"* – Berube, Novalis

Catholic Parent Know How Series – *"Preparing Your Child for ... First Reconciliation"* and *"Preparing Your Child for ... First Communion"*

For children not attending Catholic school: Resources from the Catechetical Correspondence Courses

Sadlier's Program 2 "Jesus Shares God's Life" –for children in grade 2 or 3

Sadlier's Program 5 "We Meet Jesus in the Sacraments" for grade 4 to 6

Newly approved resources for First Communion and Reconciliation:

First Communion – Preparing Children for the Sacrament of the Eucharist* and *First Penance – Preparing Children for the Rite of Reconciliation- Liguori Press, 1998

Each of these programs is presented in 8 lessons on bulletin-type pages. Very flexible, as lessons can be combined or some selected for home use. Notes for the leader and parents included in each lesson. Approx. \$6 each.

My Own Reconciliation Booklet* and *My Own Mass Booklet – Loyola Press, 2009 (with updates for New Roman Missal)

These small booklets would supplement a parish program. Helps children to understand and prepare for Confession and to follow along at Mass. Approx. \$4 each.

Previously Approved resources for Confirmation:

"Confirmed in the Spirit" – Loyola Press – both text and journal – same resource used in the Catechetical Correspondence Courses for children not attending Catholic school.

"Alive in the Spirit" – Novalis

Catholic Parent Know-How Series – *"Preparing Your Child for Confirmation"*

Newly approved Resources for Confirmation

Confirmation-Ages 12-14 - Liguori Press, 2006 (with updates for the New Roman Missal)

Presented as 10 lessons on bulletin-type pages, including one lesson that outlines the Confirmation liturgy and one that outlines a Confirmation Retreat. Has a separate leader's guide and suggests small and large group activities. Very flexible as the parish can choose how many and which of the lessons to present. Program organized around theme of having been baptized priest, prophet and king. Lessons include Opening and Closing Prayer Service. Approx. \$6 each.

My Confirmation Journal – Loyola Press, 2013

This is the journal for the new edition of the *Confirmed in the Spirit* program but could be used apart from the program. Small book with 8 themes that focuses on Confirmation preparation as a faith journey. Provides provocative reflection questions that can be good discussion starters, and opportunity to journal. This resource could supplement a parish preparation program.

Spirit & Truth-a self-guided Scripture Study for Confirmation and Beyond – 23rd Publications, 2011

This small book offers 80 brief Bible passages divided in two sections - before Confirmation and after. It provides provocative reflection questions, opportunity to journal, and notes on what the Church teaches. The focus is on spiritual formation. This could supplement a parish preparation program. Readily available from Amazon at approx. \$9.

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