

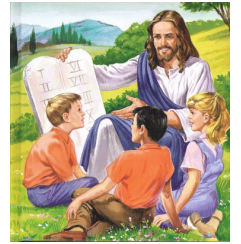


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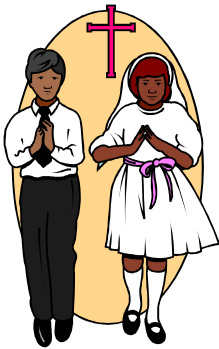
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Children's Faith Formation (CFF) & Sacramental Preparation Programs

Children's Faith Formation Mission Statement

The Immaculate Heart of Mary Children's Faith Formation (CFF) Program proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ and teaches children to embrace the values of the Catholic Faith Community. We strive to develop in our students a strong sense of self-worth as well as a genuine concern for others. Children are taught to value themselves and all people as a reflection of God's love.



Holy Eucharist is the Sacrament of the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity of our Blessed Lord Jesus Christ. In order for a child to receive First Penance (confession), and First Eucharist (communion) he/she must be in the Religious Education Program for **two consecutive years**.

Penance (Reconciliation) is the Sacrament of God's loving mercy by which all the sins, which we commit after Baptism, can be forgiven us if we are truly sorry for them. Children prepare for this sacrament before receiving First Holy Communion.

(Children who transfer from another program are given credit for that program). Children must attend Mass regularly (weekly). Children in grades 3 through 7 who have not received First Penance and First Eucharist can be part of a special

sacramental preparation program. Please contact Janet Harmon at 301-863-8793 or janet@ihmrcc.org.

Confirmation: Confirmation is the Sacrament that gives us the special gift of the Holy Spirit to strengthen our Baptismal commitments and help us to live a good, holy Christian life. Preparation for this sacrament is **two consecutive years**.

