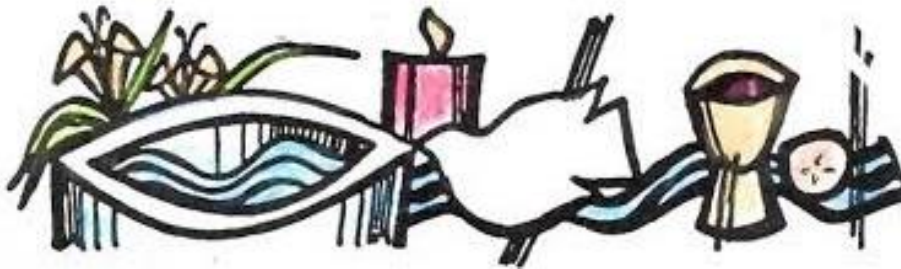




St Paul of the Cross invites you to consider whether your child is ready to begin the formal preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation into the Catholic faith.



The process of initiation of children gives great importance to parish community life. The witness of faith in the whole Catholic community, through welcoming, nurturing and continual support, invites belonging and a commitment to grow in faith both personally and communally. We, as a Christian community, strive to offer opportunities to parents to develop their role as the first educators of their children's faith.

The parish offers a comprehensive process to assist you in your child's preparation- this includes a workshop program over 6 weeks prior to Confirmation and Eucharist. A valuable opportunity for parents to develop a deeper understanding of the theology and reasoning behind these sacraments is also provided on the Parent Information Night.



#### IS MY CHILD READY FOR CONFIRMATION AND COMMUNION?

The first and most important factor is that the child has a genuine desire to know more about, and to participate more fully in relationship with God and God's church community. We ask that you think and pray about your child's readiness and your willingness to fully participate and support your child in their preparation program.

Official pre-requisites are that the child has been baptised in the Catholic Church and are over the age of 8.

## THE PROCESS

Our Sacramental preparation process begins with enrolment. If you wish to enrol your child or children, please complete the attached enrolment form and along with the \$50 enrolment fee, return it to St Paul of the Cross Parish Office or to Sue Schulz [sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au](mailto:sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au)

There will be a Parent Information Session held in early June. At least one parent of the child or children must attend this session. Further information regarding the dates and times of the sessions and ceremonies will be discussed at this meeting. Please remember that children receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation the year prior to receiving the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.

Should you have any queries concerning any of this information, please contact me, Sue Schulz, Pastoral Associate, on 8338 1277 or email [sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au](mailto:sue.schulz@themonastery.net.au)

Kind regards

*Sue Schulz*