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FIRST HOLY COMMUNION E-MAIL UPDATE – February 26, 2024

Dear First Communion Families,

Now that your child has received their First Reconciliation, it is time to take the next steps to prepare them for their First Holy Communion. We are now moving on to the second resource, "We Share in the Eucharist", which was distributed to you and your family at the registration meeting. Similar to the first resource, there is a family guide found in the middle of the book (in between pages 28 and 29). The family guide will assist you in preparation of leading your child through the six chapters of this book. I will be visiting the Grade 2 classrooms and Fr. Alex will be visiting the students of the RCIC Program.

Please be reminded that the next Parent and Child Meeting, including the rehearsal, will take place at the church on either **Tuesday, April 29, or Wednesday April 30 at 7:00 p.m. Attendance is mandatory.**

Families are to select *either* Sunday May 4th or Sunday May 25th for their child's First Holy Communion. The [Eventbrite link](#) to make this selection will be active from **Tuesday March 4th at 7:00 AM**. To avoid any confusion, **please ensure you are using your child's name for the Eventbrite ticket.**

We are happy to inform you that Lilac Studios will be present at both First Holy Communion Masses. These professional photographers will discreetly and respectfully capture your children receiving Holy Communion for the first time. The photographs captured will be available for purchase. Lilac Studios will also offer individual and family portraits prior to the Mass. Kindly note that Lilac Studios requires a minimum of 20 families to book their services in order to proceed with coverage. More details will be sent to each family via email in a couple of weeks.

Between now and the upcoming meeting, I ask that each family:

- Joins us for Sunday Mass at any of our regular masses on Saturdays 5:00 p.m., Sundays 7:45 a.m., 9:00 a.m., 10:30 a.m., and 12 Noon (we have Liturgy of the Word with Children in the parish hall at the 10:30 a.m. and 12 Noon Mass)
- Complete the six chapters of the *We Share in the Eucharist* book
- Select either Sunday May 4th or Sunday May 25th for your child's First Holy Communion via Eventbrite

We look forward to continually getting to know you and your families at each Sunday Mass leading to their First Holy Communion.

Kindly contact our Lay Pastoral Associate, Melissa, at 905-820-1444 ext. 3, or msiuchong@archtoronto.org if we can be of assistance.

Yours in Christ,

Rev. Edward Curtis
Pastor