

## The Role of the Family in the Catechetical Process

The documents of Vatican II remind us that parents are the first educators of their children. Within an atmosphere of love, they provide for their children a well-rounded formation. This message has been repeated in both the Catechism of the Catholic Church and the General Directory for Catechesis (GDC, 1997)

The catechetical formation of young children begins many years prior to any formal instruction. The role of the family in the faith formation of their children does not end, but continues when children begin school. Parents continue to share their faith with their children through daily prayer, regular participation in Sunday Liturgy, and as ongoing witnesses to their faith.

“You have shown  
Yourself to me, O  
Christ, face to face.  
I meet You in Your  
Sacraments.”  
--Saint Ambrose



## **St. Mary's, Sacred Heart & St. Vladimir's Parishes**

### Welcome you to the School Year

On behalf of all three Red Deer Parishes, we would like to say that we are excited that you have chosen Catholic Education for your child.



**Together,  
family, school and  
parish create the  
three legs of the stool  
of faith,  
and thereby give  
young people a firm  
foundation on which to  
base their adult life.**

Drawing strength and  
guidance from God, we can  
give children a strong  
foundation and knowledge  
of our Faith.

## School, Parish & Home form a partnership in preparing children for the Sacraments:

### ❑ Baptism

Infants & children up to age 7 – Interviews & Preparation are required for parents. **At least one parent needs** to be a Roman or Ukrainian Catholic.

### Older Children & Adults – **over the age of 7 years**

Christian Initiation of Adults and Children is a journey towards the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation & Eucharist). At least one parent needs to be (or is in the process of becoming) a Roman or Ukrainian Catholic.

### ❑ First Reconciliation & First Eucharist: age 7 and older

*Welcome Orientation & Registration for parents/students:*

Watch the school newsletter/website, parish website and your parish bulletin for specific dates.

Preparation usually begins in October.

**A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate is required.**

### ❑ Confirmation: age 11 and older

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Preparation usually begins in January.

**A copy of the child's Baptism Certificate. A copy of the signed Sponsor Form. Sponsor **MUST** have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation in the Catholic Church to be a Confirmation Sponsor. (c.874)**

Within the Eastern Rite Catholic Churches such as St. Vladimir, Sacramental Preparation has a different process.

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