

East Coast Bays Sacramental Programme

## Participation and Commitment Agreement and Registration Form

The Sacraments are a precious gift instituted by Christ. These sacred rites deserve our utmost respect and commitment. By fully participating in the program, we demonstrate our appreciation for these gifts and honour the way Christ intends for us to engage with them. By completing this form for submission, you are agreeing to the following expected standards of participation and commitment.

1. The programme is designed to educate the parents and the sponsors. The candidate will be introduced to the ideas. It is the parents' role to cover all the materials with their candidate in their own time and to fulfil all the homework obligations.

☐ **I Understand & Agree**

2. I agree to be committed to attending all 10 Sessions

*Since the program consists of only 10 sessions, missing any sessions is considered incomplete participation. Regardless of the reasons for the absences, parents and their candidates will be offered the opportunity to attend the programme the following year. Unavoidable missed sessions have a homework component, for the parents, of several reflection questions with readings, that will need to be submitted before the next session.*

☐ **I Agree**

3. I am aware of all of the dates and times for the Sacramental Programme.

*Check all the dates and times with any commitments you might have made to ensure that you are available to attend all the sessions. The dates are on the main website page.*

☐ **I Agree**

4. Details required for your candidate:

- ☐ Candidates legal name:
- ☐ Candidates preferred name:
- ☐ Candidates birth date:
- ☐ Candidates School:

5. Your child's baptism certificate needs to be included with your submission form.  
If your child was baptised in East Coast Bays Parish or has received another

Sacrament of Initiation in our Parish, the exact details of the celebrations are needed but not necessarily a copy of the certificates.

- ☐ **Upload a copy of the certificate here**
- ☐ **Name on the certificate:**
- ☐ **Date of the Baptism:**
- ☐ **Name of the Parish:**
- ☐ **Name of the Priest:**

6. Your child needs a 'Practicing Catholic Sponsor' to participate in the programme.

***PARENTS CANNOT BE SPONSORS.*** A 'Practicing Catholic Sponsor' is a person who attends Mass every weekend, goes to Reconciliation every year and receives Holy Communion regularly. They need to be an active member in their parish supporting the needs of the church. Please provide the following:

- ☐ **Sponsors name:**
- ☐ **Their parish:**
- ☐ **Their email address (valid & working):**

*If you do not have anyone who can fulfil this role, our parish can find someone who will support you and your child. You will need to contact the parish office at least one month in advance to get this arranged. An overseas sponsor is fine so long as the candidate can have regular conversations with that sponsor. We recommend that they complete their journal with their sponsor. If the sponsor is overseas a parent may stand as a proxy at the Confirmation Celebration. Your child is not enrolled in the program without a sponsor.*

- ☐ **I Agree**

7. Your email address needs to be working and correctly entered. We send out emails weekly. If you are not receiving emails, it is your responsibility to contact the parish office to correct the information and ensure that the details have been correctly entered. Sessions missed because your email address is not working, cannot be excused.

- ☐ **I Agree**

8. You need to be on the Parish Role to be included in the programme. The Sacramental Programme is coordinated by volunteer parishioners and is parish led. The Enrolment Form for new parishioners is on the Parish Website.

*If you are enrolled, you will be receiving regular emails from the parish. If you are not receiving emails, it is most likely because you are not enrolled as a parishioner. Contact the parish office if you need help enrolling.*

- ☐ **I Agree**

9. The Sacramental Programme has been developed to catechise parents and sponsors, so that they, in turn, can catechise the candidates until they reach adulthood. The Catechism of the Catholic Church is available online for more information. The programme offers materials and opportunities for discussion with your candidate. Some materials may be too advanced, and it is the role of parents and the child's sponsor to offer that catechism in an appropriate way that reflects the age and stage of the candidate.

*The goal of the programme is to catechise parents and bring children to the sacraments with reverence and appreciation for these encounters with Christ that will form the foundational experiences of their faith journey.*

☐ **I Agree**

10. The Programme follows the restored order of Baptism, Reconciliation, Confirmation then Holy Communion.

- I. All candidates need to be Baptised before enrolment.
- II. All candidates will need to go to reconciliation during this time of preparation. (If the child has made their first Reconciliation they will need to go to reconciliation again as part of this preparation – all Catholics need to go to Reconciliation at least once a year to be considered Catholic)

☐ **I Agree**

11. Enrolment forms need to be completed and submitted 2 weeks before the first session.

*A parents information evening will be held the Monday after the enrolment has closed. Please do not attend the information evening if you are not enrolled as we will be unable to take new enrolments after this time. Parents may withdraw their child if they find that the programme is not suitable at any time.*

☐ **I Agree**

12. I can cover the expense of my candidate's programme materials

*It costs \$35 to print and prepare the materials for each candidate in the programme.  
Bank Details: East Coast Bays Parish, Account: 02-0108-0707702-000 (BNZ)*

☐ **I Agree**

13. Please be kind.

*The leaders of the Sacramental Programme are volunteers who give an extraordinary amount of time in the preparation of and presentation of the programme. They are not paid for this time and need the support of their families who sacrifice this time for you and your candidate. The volunteers are expected to maintain standards not only in their*

*participation as volunteers but also in their spiritual lives and their adherence to the teachings of the Catholic Church.*

☐ **I Agree**

Throughout the programme, you may encounter teachings from the Catechism that make you feel uncomfortable or confused. If you need extra support, please don't hesitate to reach out to the program leaders. We strive to present the Catechism clearly, simply, and truthfully, and the Parish Team and Catechists here to help with any questions or concerns you may have.

If you agree to this standard of participation and commitment, the enrolment form will be sent to you. Please complete the enrolment form online and attach the copy of the baptism certificate of your child.

Kind regards

The Parish Team of East Coast Bays Parish