## Saint Gregory the Great Roman Catholic Parish 10 St. Gregory's Drive, Cambridge Ontario. N1S 3Z1

October 1, 2024

Dear Parents and First Communicants:

Grade Two is a very special time for Roman Catholic children as it is in this year that they may receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion.

Sacramental preparation is a three-way partnership between our parish, our schools and you, our parents. Together we will prepare your children for the reception of these beautiful sacraments. You are asked to attend a **Parent Meeting on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm at St. Gregory's Church (10 St. Gregory's Drive).** Your attendance at this meeting is important, information will be shared regarding the formation program, school curriculum and the sacraments themselves. Our pastor and school staff will be available for any questions you may have.

First Reconciliation	- Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6:30pm
First Communion	- Saturday, May 3, 2025 at 11:00am

**FIRST STEP: COMPLETE the First Reconciliation/First Communion Registration Form (attached and also available on our website under the Sacrament tab).** You will also find a "Frequently Asked Questions" document (attached) which we ask that you review.

SECOND STEP: RETURN COMPLETED Registration Form and BAPTISM CERTIFICATE (if required) at the parent meeting on Wednesday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> or by email at <a href="mailto:stgreg@rogers.com">stgreg@rogers.com</a>. All documents must be submitted no later than January 31, 2025.

To receive the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Communion, children must be Baptized Roman Catholics. Children of non-Roman Catholic parents are unable to receive the sacraments. If at least one parent is Roman Catholic, but your child is not baptized or was baptized in a non-Roman Catholic Church, your child must become Roman Catholic to receive the sacraments. Please call the Parish office as soon as possible to make these arrangements.

We ask that you contact our parish office with any questions you may have that may not have been addressed in the FAQ document or at the parent meeting.

Ensuring you of our prayers for your health and safety and look forward to meeting you on **Wednesday** October 23<sup>th</sup>, 2024

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Reverend Father Khalid Karomi – Pastor