



OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL

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I acknowledge that my child _____ is registered as a **“SPECIAL SACRAMENTS” student in the required 2 year preparation program** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Catholic Church to receive the sacrament(s) after completing the required 2 formation years and meeting all requirements.

My child is enrolled in this faith formation program because of one of the following:

- reached what is considered the age of reason, 7 years of age, or older, and are **NOT BAPTIZED**. My child is a **CATECHUMEN**.
- reached what is considered the age of reason, 7 years of age, or older, and are **BAPTIZED IN ANOTHER FAITH**. My child is a **CANDIDATE**.
- reached what is considered the age of reason, 7 years of age, or older, and are a **BAPTIZED CATHOLIC MISSING SACRAMENTS**. My child is a **CANDIDATE**.

My child is in their (circle one):

FIRST YEAR

SECOND YEAR

I agree and understand:

- My child will be enrolled in a **“Traditional Class”** for their current grade for **Year 1**.
- My child will be enrolled in a **“Special Sacraments”** class for **Year 2**. (This class is for our 2nd Year “Special Sacraments” students that will have completed the 2 formation years and met all other requirements to receive the sacraments that year.)
- My child’s regular attendance at Sunday Mass (from 4:30pm Saturday Vigil through Sunday) and all Holy Days of Obligation is required.
- That regular prayer, study and practice at home with an adult are important to his/her proper preparation for the reception of the sacraments.
- My child will not have more than (6) absences total for this year. At least (3) of those (6) absences **must** be made up, however this does NOT erase absences. Absent work will be distributed by Catechist / on RE building front porch for pickup.
When my child misses a class, I will pick-up the “Missed Class Handouts” and help my child complete them as soon as possible. Credit for missed classes will be given when the handouts are returned to the teacher within a 2-week period.
- CANDIDATES:** Parents **must** provide copy of **child’s Baptismal Certificate** to RE Office by **October 5, 2025**. **** NO GODPARENTS or SPONSORS needed for CANDIDATES.****
- CATECHUMENS:** Parents must provide for each child **1. Birth Certificate and 2. Baptismal Info Form** to RE Office by **October 26, 2025**.
- CATECHUMENS:** **Chose (2) Godparents for Baptism and (1) Sponsor for Confirmation.** **Godparents and Sponsor must provide Proof of their Sacraments to RE Office by Oct. 26, 2025. Godparents and Sponsor must attend (1) “Class on the Sacraments” (see below).**

I agree to follow RE Calendar and participate in the following mandatory events for **Year 2 “Special Sacraments”** students and families:

- **CANDIDATE’S** Parents and **CATECHUMEN’S** Parents, Godparents and Sponsors, **must all attend (1) “Class on the Sacraments”** with Deacon Robert (offered once monthly on the 2nd Sunday of the month beginning Sun. Sept 14, 2025 from 9:30-10:30am in Church. Watch for event reminders. Please sign-in at class. Must attend one class by 12/14/2025. If you have attended this class within last 3 years with Deacon Robert, you have met requirement, please inform DRE.)
- **Presentation Mass (of ALL 2nd Year Sacrament Students in 2nd-8th grade)** preparing to receive the Sacraments this Spring 2026 ~ Sunday, Nov 2, 2025 at 11:00am in Church
- **First Reconciliation (Confession) (CANDIDATES ONLY)** ~ Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 10:00am in Church
- **Sacraments Mass (ALL 2nd Year “Special Sacraments” students receive Sacraments)** ~ Divine Mercy Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 5:30pm in Church (arrive 4:30pm) (* **CATECHUMEN’S** Godparents and Sponsor needed.)
- **First Holy Communion Retreat (for ALL 2nd Year Sacrament Students in 2nd-8th grade)** ~ Saturday, April 25, 2026 from 9am to 12pm in Parish Hall and Church

I will remain in communication with Catechists and DRE and reach out for support.

For up-to-date Religious Education news/info, and to not miss any important info, please refer to church weekly bulletin, olmcportland.com and sign up for the myParish app and the Remind app.

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