

St John the Evangelist Church  
Severna Park, MD

## Reconciliation Guidelines 2009-10

1. Normally first penitents are in the second grade.
2. Two years of previous religious instruction are required for students immediately prior to the reception of the sacrament.
3. Students shall be prepared jointly by parents and catechists.
4. Students are to be enrolled in the Parish School, Parish Religious Education program, a catholic school outside the parish (e.g. Msgr. Slade) or a recognized Home School Religion program.
5. Parents are to attend the announced scheduled meetings.
6. A child's readiness shall be determined jointly by the parents and child's teacher.
7. Parents of children requesting the sacrament must be registered parishioners. The sacraments are received in one's home parish where parents are members of the worshipping faith community. A family who is registered in a neighboring parish should approach the pastor or DRE in that parish and request information about their Reconciliation program.
8. Verification of baptism is necessary prior to the reception of Reconciliation. **THIS IS A MUST!**

N.B. These parish policies are based on Signs of God's Love, 2004 revised edition

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