Readiness Signs for Sacramental Preparation

**Parent responsibility**:

You are and have been the example of God/love in the home (the little/domestic Church).

When your child became a member of the Church at Baptism, you were reminded that you have the responsibility to “bring [your child] up in the practice of the faith” (Rite of Baptism 56). You show your child what a relationship with God is by living the Gospel values, having personal prayer/study time, and regularly worshipping and participating in the activities within the parish.

For children for Reconciliation and Eucharist:

Your child looks forward to worshipping within the parish each Sunday.

The child expresses a desire to receive the Sacraments.

Knows basic prayers. (The Sign of the Cross, The Our Father, The Hail Mary, Glory Be, morning offering, Grace before and after meals)

Has begun to develop his/her own personal prayer/study\* life.   \* Study can be as simple as having wonder and awe of nature and God’s Hand in all things.

Participates willingly at Mass. (greets, sings, listens, prays, comments on things that happen at Mass)

Notices the changes the liturgical seasons bring.

Wants to participate in the ministries/activities of the Church/school.

Your child knows when she or he has done something wrong.

Your child shows sorrow for wrongdoing and seeks forgiveness.

Your child is beginning to acknowledge the consequences of his or her actions.

Your child knows that God loves each of us and forgives us when we sin.