



Catholic Association

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Next year your child(ren) will embark on an important and busy year of Catholic religion classes. In preparation for this we have put together some information on the parish based programmes for children making sacraments in 2015. Each child has a parish based programme to complete in their own parish in preparation of them making their Sacrament. These programmes usually commence in September (maybe before CA classes commence) – your local parish bulletin will update you on this.

### **First penance and First Holy Communion**

The Communion programme is known as “**Do this in Memory**”. The programme runs once a month during the school year for children making their First Penance and First Holy Communion. The programme aim is to help include your children and family in preparing each child for the sacrament of First Penance and First Holy Communion within their own parish. (Even though each child participates in the parish based programme they will make their sacraments as a group if parents/guardians wish so.)

Each Parish may operate the running of the programme differently. At the AGM Communion parents from the three main parishes (St. Mary’s, Drogheda , Sacred Heart, Laytown and Star of the Sea, Mornington) can put themselves forward to be a parish representative within their own parish. The parish representative will have to attend a monthly meeting in preparation of each month’s mass. The Parish representative will delegate the jobs out among the children and parents from each parish. (i.e Prayer of the faithful or gifts)

### **Confirmation**

When preparing for Confirmation each parish will run a parish based programme namely “ **Confirming our Children**” The programme aim is to help the children making Confirmation understand that they are going to be guided in their adult life by the power of the holy spirit. The masses are to help the older children see the importance of the church in their life. (Even though each child participates in the parish based programme they will make their sacrament as a group if parents/guardians wish so.)

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The AGM is on the 11<sup>th</sup> of June in the School hall, we would really value your input and attendance at this important meeting.

Kind Regards,  
The CA Committee.



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