



**ST. THOMAS MORE
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Dear Parents of Third Graders:

Saturday, February 20, 2010, will be a very important day in the life of your child. On that day, they will experience God's loving forgiveness in the Sacrament of First Penance as they make their First Confession.

I know that you have been spending time with your child in preparation for this event. As parents, you have the responsibility of helping your child form a good conscience, and distinguish between right and wrong, good and evil. It is through your lives that he/she comes to understand forgiveness. It is by witnessing your faith in Christ Jesus that your child comes to know Jesus.

These days before First Confession, go over the Family Information booklet which is on the St. Thomas More website found on the left side of the scroll bar under Religious Education. We encourage you to share prayer. Help your child go over the examination of conscience.

You are invited to be with your child when he/she receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Please meet in the Church at 9:15 a.m. so that the Prayer Service can begin promptly at 9:30 a.m. The children (with their parents) will sit with their class in a group. The priests will be in the Confessionals and at different stations. While your child waits in line, you will remain in the pew. This should be a very quiet reflective time. When all have received the Sacrament, the priest will invite all to participate in the closing prayer. After the closing prayer, the children will receive a pendant as a sign of their preparation to receive their first Eucharist.

Receiving a Sacrament is a special time in a child's life. Proper attire for the sacred occasion is appreciated.

That you and your family will grow in knowledge and love of God is my prayer for you.

Peace,

Sandi Morgan
Director of Religious Education