First Communion Enrollment Ceremony

*After Gospel & Homily*

**Coordinator:** Present at our worship today are the young people of our parish community who are in the process of preparing for their celebration of First Eucharist in the spring. Will the following students and their parents please come forward:

List names

**Presider:** Children, I understand that you are eager to learn more about Jesus, our Catholic faith, and what it means to celebrate Eucharist and receive Jesus in Communion. Let us begin by renewing our baptismal vows…

**V.** Do you renounce Satan? **R.** I do.

**V.** And all his works? **R.** I do.

**V.** And all his empty show? **R.** I do.

**V.** Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

**R.** I do.

**V.** Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father? **R.** I do.

**V.** Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

**R.** I do.

**V**. “This is our Faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it, in Jesus Christ our Lord.” **R**: “Amen.”

**Presider:** Over at the table is a commitment form for you to sign indicating your willingness to prepare for the celebration of your First Eucharist. It says…

* I will try to learn more about the Mass and how it is an essential prayer of this faith community
* I will try to participate as fully as possible by singing and praying along each week when we come to celebrate the Eucharist
* I will try to “go in peace to love and serve the Lord” each day of the week by loving and serving others.
* I will try to pray every day
* I will try to attend all my Religious Education classes and our Retreat in the spring.

If you are willing, step forward to sign your name on the line…

Parents, please step forward and sign your name as a commitment to assisting your child in their preparation for First Eucharist…

**Presider:** These children, who are preparing for their First Communion, are part of our faith community. We rejoice with them in the gentle guidance of God who has brought them to this day. Let us pray for them and the whole Church…

***Intercessions…***

Let us pray:

Lord, our God, your Son, Jesus welcomed the children and blessed them. Look with favor on these children of our parish family. Fill the hearts of these parents with love and care for their children. Through their example and by teaching may they prepare their children for a new meeting with Christ in the fullness of the Eucharist. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**All:** Amen