**First Reconciliation Enrollment**

**Sunday, Nov. 8, 2015 @ 10:00AM mass**

**This takes place after the homily.**

**Presider:**

Today we welcome the children of our parish community who will be celebrating their First Reconciliation this month. We promise them our prayers and support as they prepare to receive the sacrament for the first time on November 18.

Children, please stand with your parents.

**Presider asks the following questions:**

**To the Children:**

Children, are you preparing your hearts to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation? If you are, please respond, “I am.”

**CHILDREN: I AM.**

**To the Parents:**

Parents, are you willing to accompany your children on this journey of faith as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Reconciliation and to support the faith formation efforts here at St. Thomas More Church? If you are, please respond, “I will.”

**PARENTS: I WILL.**

**To the Parish Community:**

People of St. Thomas More’s Parish Community, are you willing to support these children and their families during this time of preparation for First Reconciliation with your prayers and by your example? If you are, please respond, “We will.”

**PARISH COMMUNITY: WE WILL.**

**To the Children:**

**Presider:** Children, we accept you as candidates for First Reconciliation. May you continue to grow in your love for Jesus as you learn about this sacrament of forgiveness and know that our prayers and support are with you during this time of preparation. May you always remember that like the prodigal son was forgiven by his father, your Father in heaven will always love you and welcome you back with love when you ask for forgiveness.

***Invite the children to come forward and stand on the first step of the sanctuary area facing the people.***

**BLESSING OF CHILDREN**

**Presider: (To Assembly)**

Please extend your hands in blessing over these children as we pray:

Loving and forgiving God,

Bless these children who are preparing

For the sacrament of Reconciliation.

Guide them and their parents as together

They continue to learn about your grace and forgiveness.

We ask your blessing upon these children

In the name of the Father + and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***All return to their places for the final blessing.***