



## GUIDELINES FOR FIRST COMMUNION

While receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time is a momentous event in the life of your child, **the focus and importance of the day should be centered on receiving Jesus through the Sacrament of the Eucharist.** While parties are important, they should **not overshadow** the meaning of actually being able to receive Christ.

On this joyous occasion our children are presented to the Lord and to our community in their finest clothes:

**Girls: White/Off-White dress, the length should not pose a problem for ascending the steps into the sanctuary. Shoulders must be covered, sleeveless is acceptable but no spaghetti straps, white dress shoes, a veil is optional. In recent years girls have worn flowers and/or ribbons in their hair instead of a veil. Many wear veils. No gloves!**

**Boys: Dark dress pants, dress shoes, tie, white shirt  
No jacket.**

Children should **not** bring prayer books, rosaries, or other religious articles to the liturgy that day.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

Varsity Photo is the company that will be taking pictures of the children after our May Crowning prayer services. Though you may not be purchasing any pictures, please have your child dressed for the group picture and for participation in May Crowning. Payment is due to the company at the time the pictures are taken.

- ❖ **St. Vincent de Paul School:** After the May Crowning ceremony on May 12, both group and individual photos will be taken. Parents are invited to attend. More detailed information forthcoming from Grade 2 teachers.
- ❖ **Religious Education: Wednesday, May 11, at 6:15 in church.** Pictures following May Crowning Prayer Service. Second graders arrive at church with their parents and do not return to classroom. This is the last class for the catechetical year. Parents are asked to remain at church.
- ❖ **Religious Education: Sunday, May 15, at 4 :15 in church.** Pictures following May Crowning Prayer Service. Second graders arrive at church with their parents and do not return to the classroom. This is the last class for the catechetical year. Parents are asked to remain at church.