

Reconciliation Robes/Candles

“The Son said, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’ But the Father said to his servants, ‘Bring quickly the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand...” Luke 15:21-22

I. Reconciliation Robes

After your child receives their first Sacrament of Reconciliation, his/her parents will proceed with him/her to Station 1, where the parents will give their child a robe. You will provide the robe. Our second graders will be very familiar with the Parable of the Prodigal Son – as it is the theme of this year’s First Reconciliation Ceremony. The children will become familiar with this parable during the Reconciliation Workshop. They will be surprised and pleased to receive a robe from their parents, echoing the forgiveness of the father in this parable and of our Heavenly Father in the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Instruction for Decorating Reconciliation Robes

In your bag you will find a pattern for the robe. The pattern is only the front half of the robe, the back is the exact same. The front and back pieces are connected at the shoulders, so the robe goes over the child’s head. Please look at the samples provided at the Parent’s Meeting for a final example. You may use white felt for the robe you make or you may purchase different white fabric.

Please decorate your child’s robe with Christian symbols from the patterns provided or draw your own Christian symbols. Consider using purely decorative motifs and materials such as beads or sequins that you sew or glue on around the neck and edges: rick-rack, faux jewels, and other decorative craft items are good ways to embellish your robe. Fabric paint is another decorative possibility. Be creative when creating your child’s robe. Use symbols that are meaningful to your child.

Because the robe is a secret, please return the finished product (in a bag with your child’s name on it) to the Parish Office by October 21st. The office is open from 8am-4pm Monday through Thursday and from 8am-12 Noon on Friday. Feel free to bring your child’s robe to the First Reconciliation Workshop on October 22nd, but since your child will be with you, PLEASE BE DISCREET!

II. Candle

Please provide a candle and a candle holder for your child. If you elect to bring a taper, please make sure that the candle fits securely in its candle holder. At Station 4, parents will light the candle and give it to their child to place on a table in front of the altar. The candles must fit securely in their holder—we don’t want to cause a fire!

Place your candle and candle holder in the bag with your child’s robe and return them both to the Parish Office by October 24th.

And remember...it’s a secret.