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## Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon

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# First reconciliation set before confirmation and first Eucharist

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The initial implementation of the “Restored Order of Initiation Sacraments” has now been completed in our diocese.

All children now celebrate confirmation at the Mass of their first communion at Grade 2 or Grade 3.

Celebration of the sacrament of first reconciliation has been in transition during the years of gradual implementation of a Restored Order of Initiation.

Bishop Albert LeGatt, before leaving the diocese to be installed as Archbishop of St. Boniface in September, directed that beginning immediately, all parishes will celebrate the sacrament of first reconciliation *before* children are confirmed and receive first communion.

All three sacraments could be celebrated in Grade 2 or, if parishes decide

it is more appropriate, children could receive their preparation and celebrate first reconciliation in Grade 2 and prepare for and celebrate confirmation and first communion in Grade 3.

Details about celebration of confirmation this year in the absence of a bishop, will be addressed in the near future by the newly-elected Diocesan Administrator, Rev. Ron Beechinor.

For more information about the Restored Order of the Initiation Sacraments (which restores confirmation to its original place before first communion) and reasons why dioceses are moving in this direction, check the diocesan website.

Information about the Grade 8 ongoing faith formation and faith affirmation program Steps in Faith is also available on the website.

If you have questions, contact your local parish or call the diocesan Rural Catechetics office at the Catholic Pastoral Centre in Saskatoon: 242-1500, toll free: 1-877-661-5005, e-mail: ruralcat@saskatoonrcdiocese.com



Reconciliation and confirmation are celebrated before first Eucharist in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Saskatoon.