✝ St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

I am writing to you as pastor of St Michael's Church to share good news for your child and family. With the support and engagement of you as parents, the Church and Catholic School Community, I look forward to assisting your child to prepare to receive the **Sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist (First Holy Communion).**

All the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the parishes provide the ***Sacramental Preparation Program*** for your child. The Sacramental Preparation Program will be offered at the parishes.

There will be a **Parent & Child Information Night** to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. This Parent and child Information night will be **held in St. Michael's Parish Centre on Sunday, October 18, 2026 at 12:30 pm.**

There is a cost of $25.00 for each Sacramental Preparation Program totaling $50 over the year to offset the cost of the materials. Your child will receive two books, *Signs of Grace-You Are Forgiven and Signs of Grace-You Are Loved.*

As Pastor, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop in following Canon Law and Diocesan Policies to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of these sacraments for your child. ***If your child has not been baptized yet, or is interested in becoming Catholic, please feel welcome to contact me at your earliest convenience.***

St. Michael's Parish is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family. If you, or family member who is older than grade 2, are interested in receiving these sacraments, or in becoming Catholic, please contact the office.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at St. Michael's.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku, SMMM, Pastor Fr. Michael Nwadinobi, SMMM, Associate Pastor