

## **St. Bernard Parish**

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### 2011 FIRST RECONCILIATION

Dear Parents & Guardians of Grade Two students:

As you are aware your child will soon be having his or her first reconciliation. While the occasion of first reconciliation can create some anxiety in children, it is important that they experience their reconciliation as a celebration of God's unconditional forgiveness and therefore positively.

To this end, the teachers and I request your attendance at your child's first reconciliation. Your presence will make all the difference!

While your child's confession itself is private, parents are encouraged to bring their child forward during the service and introduce him or her to the priest. This helps to make the experience a true celebration.

The dates for the three parish schools are as follows:

Tuesday, December 7th at 10:15am - St. Thomas More in the library

Wednesday, December 8th at 10:25am - St. Bernard School at the church

Thursday, December 9th at 10:15am - St. Marguerite D'Youville in the library

The reconciliation will begin with a brief prayer service and will last about one hour. Looking forward to seeing you in early December!

God bless you and your family during this important step in your child's religious formation.

Fr. John Whyte, Pastor and Janet Perry, parish secretary 613/738 1943