

# Restoration of the Order at Our Lady of the Valley

2016-2017

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation and First Communion  
5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

2017-2018

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation and First Communion  
4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

2018-2019

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation and First Communion  
3<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation

2019-2020

2<sup>nd</sup> grade First Reconciliation  
3<sup>rd</sup> grade Confirmation and First Communion

- It has long been accepted in Catholic tradition that when a husband and wife accept the responsibility of parenthood, they have become partners with God in creation. Parenting includes not only the temporal well-being of a child, but most especially it calls for the spiritual nurturing of the child. The very act of parenting, both by association and execution, calls the parents to be the primary educators. The concept of parents as "primary educators" has been supported and advocated by the Church. "Parents have the first responsibility for the education of their children," says the [Catechism of the Catholic Church \(2223\)](#).
- In his 1994 [Letter to Families](#), Pope John Paul II wrote, "Parents are the first and most important educators of their own children, and they also possess a fundamental competence in this area; they are educators, because they are parents." (16)
- The Second Vatican Council, in its [Declaration on Christian Education \(5\)](#), also affirmed the "primary and inalienable right and duty" of parents to educate their children.
- It should be noted, however, that while parents are the primary educators, their interpretation of doctrine can never supersede the legitimate teaching authority set over them in the Church.