

**Archbishop Samuel Aquila is restoring the Sacraments of Initiation** for the Archdiocese of Denver to the original order in which the early Church conferred them. In the coming years, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be received in third grade during the same liturgy as First Holy Communion.

These changes will indeed raise questions for many, but there is great confidence that the answers to those questions will help to deepen and enrich your own experience of the Sacraments.

Archbishop Aquila wants every Catholic in the archdiocese to understand the pastoral reasons for this decision. To that end, you are all invited to visit the [Archdiocese webpage where](#) you will find:

- the archbishop's pastoral letter, "Saints Among Us,"
- answers to frequently asked questions regarding the upcoming changes,
- in-depth examination videos.

For Blessed Sacrament Parish & School the following is the schedule for the preparation of sacraments in future years. A minimum of 2 years of preparation in religious education is offered before students receive the sacraments.

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18
8th Grade			
7th Grade	Confirmation		
6th Grade	Confirmation	Confirmation	Confirmation
5th Grade			
4th Grade			
3rd Grade			Confirmation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist
2nd Grade	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation & 1 <sup>st</sup> Eucharist	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation	1 <sup>st</sup> Reconciliation
1st Grade			