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b. PREPARATION FOR FIRST RECEPTION OF THE EUCHARIST

Adults ordinarily are prepared for first reception of the Eucharist within the context of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*.

Always mindful that the parents are the primary educators of their children, the parish, in which the candidate is a member, is ready to assist in sacramental preparation. It is the ultimate responsibility of the parents and pastor to ascertain a child's readiness to begin reception of the Eucharist.⁶³ Each parish is to provide catechesis for baptized children presented for first reception of the Eucharist, and for their parents. Where possible this is to be done in a group setting, i.e. "First Communion classes" or a "seminar" for all those families involved. However it may also be adjusted to meet particular pastoral needs (e.g., single-parent homes, handicapped children, etc.).⁶⁴

All children, even those who are "home schooled," must be in a parish based program for sacramental preparation.⁶⁵

c. PLACE OF FIRST EUCHARIST

A child should receive First Eucharist in the parish community to which his or her family belongs.

⁶³c.914

⁶⁴Cf. c. 913, §1

⁶⁵Diocesan Catholic Education Ministries Policy #6010 enacted November 7, 1994