

***The roles of home, parish and school are clearly defined in the With You Always project and in the Catechist Guide. More detail follows below.***

How the roles of home, parish and school work in a real-world setting is something that came out of the *With You Always* pilot year of Family Catechesis (2012-2013). Suggestions came through feedback, emails and conversation with priests, catechists and school staff in the Archdiocese of Liverpool. What follows is a list of practical ways the school can aid spiritual development in the sacramental preparation period in the parish:

- Contact parents to publicise Family Catechesis. The school is especially important in reaching out to all school families, including those who interact infrequently or not at all with the parish
- Helping the parish to organise initial meetings explaining Family Catechesis to Year 3-4 parents
- Helping the parish to poll parents on the best times for Family Catechesis
- Allowing the parish to use the school hall for Family Catechesis (especially after school or even at weekends) when the parish hall is too small or inconveniently located
- Welcoming to the school hall parents/carers and children not attending the Catholic school but through the parish also preparing for the Sacraments after school or at weekends
- Helping the parish by reminding parents of when sessions will take place in the school via newsletter, text or email
- Encouraging the priest, deacon and catechists to visit the children during school time
- Practice simple prayers and hymns appropriate for a 8 – 9 year old child (Such as the sign of the cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be)
- Religious Education for the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist throughout the primary school years
- Religious Education for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the RE Curriculum, especially in Year 3
- In Year 4, briefly review the Sacrament of Reconciliation and offer practice: Confession in the classroom (with or without Father's presence)
- In Advent, review an examination of conscience
- In Lent review the Sacrament of Reconciliation in the context of Lent as a penitential season
- Practice receiving the Eucharist for the first time (with or without Father's presence)
- With the parish, help the families practice for the Confirmation-Eucharist Mass
- With the parish, help to organise the Confirmation and First Eucharist Mass, including hymns, booklets, seating and communication with families
- Having practicing Catholic teachers in Year 4 who are comfortable with prayer, helping to organise liturgies, speaking with children about the importance of the Sacraments, and liaising with families
- Other reasonable accommodations to support the home-school-parish partnership.