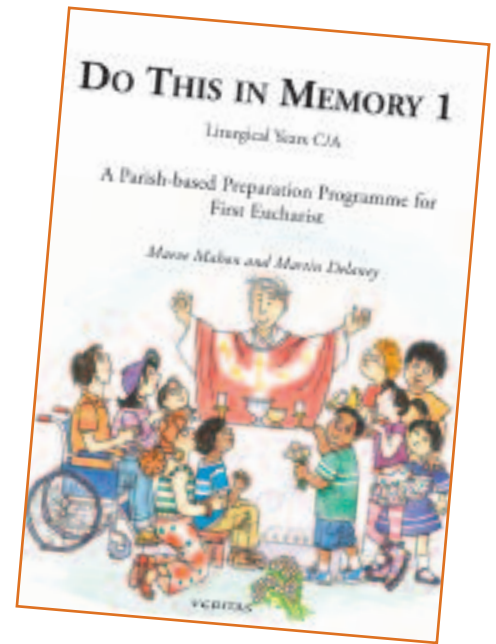


# Do This in Memory 1



## A Parish-based Programme for First Eucharist

*Do This in Memory* is a resource for parish communities to assist them in the preparation for First Communion. It complements the school-based work.

*Do This in Memory* takes place once a month from September to June during the parish Sunday Eucharist. It is continued in the home through the use of activities and resources for both parents/guardians and children.

*Do This in Memory* highlights the importance of the Sunday Eucharist as a celebration where we gather, are nourished by the Word and the Bread of Life, and are sent forth to live the Gospel. It also acknowledges the home as the most important and significant place, where the faith of our children is nurtured, nourished and sustained.

*Do This in Memory* is built on the four cornerstones which lay the foundation for sound community-based sacramental preparation.

- The sacramental preparation of children is the responsibility of the **home, school** and **parish** working together in partnership.
- The work of sacramental preparation begins long before the First Eucharist celebration.
- The celebration of First Eucharist is a sacred and important moment on a long journey of faith development. Together with Baptism and Confirmation, it opens the door to full membership of the Christian community. It is not an end in itself.
- The sacramental preparation of our children must always be seen as one element of the broader task of whole-community catechesis.



*Do This in Memory* offers guidelines and suggestions for making the Sunday celebration, and indeed the church environment, a place where children feel welcome and have a sense of belonging. There is also an opportunity for parents and guardians to become more actively involved in preparing for and ministering within the Sunday celebration.

The inspiration for *Do This in Memory* is drawn from the *General Directory for Catechesis and Handing on the Faith in the Home*.

The Christian community is the origin, locus and goal of catechesis. Proclamation of the Gospel always begins with the Christian community and invites people to conversion and the following of Christ. It is the same community that welcomes those who wish to know the Lord better and permeate themselves with a new life... (GDC, 254)

Our experience tells us that the faith of children is best nurtured when home, school and parish work together in partnership. Firstly and most importantly, children learn about faith in the home. Their faith is supported in the school by the hard work of teachers and chaplains, and by both priests and people in the wider parish community. (Nurturing Our Children's Faith, Veritas 2006)

*Do This in Memory* offers the following resources:

*Do This in Memory* Parish Resource: This resource provides homily guidelines and suggestions for making the Sunday celebration more relevant to children who are preparing for First Eucharist.

*Do This in Memory* What happens at Mass: A simple explanation of the Mass for parents/guardians to use with their children – included in Week 1.

*Do This in Memory* Parish Poster: This is essential for the work in Week 3.

*Do This in Memory* Parent/Guardian Information Booklet: This booklet contains the promises that are made by the parents/guardians and children on enrolment Sunday. It also contains other useful background information for the parents/guardians.

*Do This in Memory* Parish Newsletter Grapevine: Distributed on each Sunday during the programme. It contains the Gospel reading as well as some prayer and reflection materials for parents/guardians. It also has activities for the children. In effect, the newsletter brings something of the parish celebration into the home.

The cost per child participating in the programme is €6.50/£4.60.

This year a *Do This in Memory* candle will be available from Boramic Candles (Tel 059-9773161) or Duffy & Scott (Tel 057-9351089) at the price of €3.00.



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