

# Admission of Children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

## Parish Application Form



This form is for use by parishes seeking permission from the bishop to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation. Once you have completed all the necessary steps, complete this form and send it to your suffragan bishop, who has been authorised by the diocesan bishop to give permission on their behalf.

**Parish(es):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Deanery:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Incumbent:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please indicate that you have taken the following steps:

### 1. Consultation

#### We have consulted with:

- i.  the PCC
- ii.  the wider church congregation, including children and parents/carers
- iii.  (if relevant) other participating churches in a Local Ecumenical Project

The PCC has passed the following resolution: 'The PCC of \_\_\_\_\_ hereby resolve to request the Bishop of Chester for permission to admit baptized children to Holy Communion before confirmation under the Admission of Baptized Children to Holy Communion Regulations 2006.' **Date resolution was passed:** \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Practicalities

- i.  We have made provision for the preparation of children seeking to be admitted to Holy Communion.
- ii.  We shall follow the Diocesan guidance regarding the service of Admission to Holy Communion.
- iii.  Once admitted, we shall continue to encourage children in their ongoing nurture towards confirmation at an appropriate time, and beyond.
- iv.  We shall endorse each child's baptism certificate with the words *Admitted to Holy Communion by <name of minister>* and signed and dated by the incumbent, or, in the absence of a baptism certificate, a certificate of admission will be given.
- v.  We shall keep a register of those who have been admitted to Holy Communion before confirmation.

We understand that once permission has been granted to change our practice, and admit baptized children to Holy Communion, this decision cannot be revoked without further application to, and permission from, the bishop.

Signed (Incumbent/Priest-in-Charge) \_\_\_\_\_

Signed (Churchwarden) \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Please return a signed copy of this form to your suffragan bishop. Electronic and hard copies are acceptable. You can sign electronically. Once you have received permission from the suffragan bishop, you may begin admitting baptized children to Holy Communion.