**Original Order Implementation Checklist**

**Parish Religious Education**

All resources are available at <http://catholichawaii.org/ore/originalorder>

**STUDY AND COMMUNICATE**

**Historical Background**

Share insights provided by Bishop Larry Silva and Bishop Samuel Aquila (Diocese of Denver, formerly Diocese of Fargo) and articles from the Hawaii Catholic Herald.

**Decree of Promulgation of Norms**

On January 10, 2016 Bishop Silva officially promulgated the revised Norms for the Preparation for and Celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation and First Penance. Changes in the diocesan norms are effective June 24, 2016.

**Instruction for the Transition**

On the Solemnity of Pentecost, May 20, 2018 all parishes in transition group 1 will confirm baptized children/youth/adults.  Specific transition instructions for pastors and catechetical leaders are provided in this document.

Parishes in transition groups 2 and 3 will confirm baptized children/youth/adults on Pentecost 2019 and 2020 respectively.

**Sample Bulletin Announcements**

Two bulletin announcement samples are available for use. Of note are the three separate bulletin announcements written by Robert Noguchi, DRE/RE Principal for St. Ann Church/School which also include RE program details for parents. Mahalo, Bob, for sharing!

**Original Order Video**

The theology and pastoral considerations for Original Order are presented in this locally produced video. <http://catholichawaii.org/confirmationvideo>

**Questions and Answers Handout**

Share this Q&A document which was written in collaboration with the Diocese of Fargo who observes Original Order.

**USCCB Sacramental Catechesis Resources**

Continue to pray and learn with your community of faith using these resources from the United States Conference for Catholic Bishops. <http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/how-we-teach/catechesis/sacramental-catechesis.cfm>

**Evangelization is Essential**

Pre- and evangelization of families is an ongoing responsibility of the entire parish community. Remember that Jesus first invited and cultivated friendships with his disciples before he began to teach (catechize) them. I have witnessed your evangelization efforts when you:

* Greet every parent by name.
* Strive for them to encounter Jesus’ love and care through your warmth and hospitality.
* Listen to their stories with an open heart.
* Offer to pray with and for them.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION**

**Religious Education Handbook**

This is a great opportunity to update your general RE handbook.  A comprehensive template for the parish Faith Formation program. (Mahalo to advisers Sr. Mercedita Estrella, SPC and Julia Torres)

**Sacrament Preparation Handbook**

Using this template, create a handbook specifically for parents of children who are preparing for Reconciliation, Confirmation, and Eucharist. The template includes references to the new Norms for the Sacraments of Initiation and videos on the sacraments. (Thanks again, Sr. Mercy and Julia!)

**Sample Letter to Parents**

Parent involvement is essential!  This sample introductory letter can help get you started.

**Parish/School Communication**

Catholic schools are encouraged to provide the catechesis for Confirmation to their students. Thus, parish/school coordination is essential. The last two pages of the *Instruction for Transition* contain sample letters of communication between the Catholic school and parish.

**Religion Curriculum Standards**

Align your curriculum for the Sacraments of Initiation.

**Lesson Pacing Plans**

Every major publishing company is aware of our transition to Original Order.  A recommended procedure:

1) create a pacing chart template noting the # of weeks RE classes are held.

2) note all special solemnities, feast days, and other annual occasions/activities celebrated at your parish.

3) determine the date that children are to receive the sacraments.

4) determine the dates for parent faith formation and informational meetings.

5) determine the date(s) for family retreats.

Share this chart with your consultant and work with her/him to create lesson pacing plans for grades kindergarten - 5 for your RE year.  If needed for the parish's comprehensive youth ministry program, also include grades 6 - 8 and 9 - 12.

[**Sacrament Preparation Retreat for Families**](http://catholichawaii.org/media/646097/family-sacrament-prep-retreats-final.pdf)

Get parents involved in preparing their child for Reconciliation, Confirmation, Eucharist through hands-on learning. Invite parents of children who have already completed their Sacraments of Initiation to be facilitators!

**PRAY: OFFER, STRENGTHEN, SUSTAIN**

God is calling us to a new understanding of the Sacraments of Initiation.  We are offered new life in Baptism, strengthened in Confirmation, and sustained and nourished in Eucharist.  May we allow God to renew us through our work and receive with joy the grace given freely to us in the Sacraments.