

New Trend in Communion

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San Francisco (RNS) More and more Roman Cathchildren are receiving olic their First Communion long before they make their First Confession, a survey conducted by a priest-educator here has revealed.

As reported in The Monitor, newsweekly of the Archdiocese of San Francisco, Father Cvr Miller conducted his survey among 70 dioceses throughout the country during the past year.

The tendency these days, according to Father Miller, is to delay confession until the fourth grade while some youngsters receive Communion for the initial time in the first grade and, in some instances, in kindergarten.

"There's been à tremendous

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jump since 1967," he noted, "in the number of children formal policy, although it was receiving communion in kindergarten' and first grade. More and more, the reception of First Communion is being determined by the discretion of parents_rather than by what grade a child happens to be

grade. "In other words, more parents are exercising their responsibility to determine when their children are ready

The priest reported that 41 of the 70 responding dioceses have policies which allow children to receive First Communion with their families. Twenty-one other dioceses answering the survey had no

sometimes permitted in a limited number of parishes. Replies from 23 dioces=es, according to Father Mill=er, indicated that the time for First Confession should be either in the third or fourth

Louis, advocating the seco-nd grade, said that children in that grade are "able to refor First Communion, as Pius spond at that age and have X urged them to do back in some concept of right and wrong, and . . . it is a go-od time to sharpen this distimetion in their mind."

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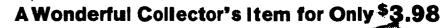
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