The Participation of Children in a School or Class Mass

Entrance or Gathering Hymn;

Greeting and Welcome:

Introduction of the Theme: -Children may also use words of welcome.

+ **Rite of Penance:**

Glory to God: sung only on major Feast Days and Sundays

Opening prayer

+ Liturgy of the Word:

First Reading: For Masses with children, it is recommended that there is only one reading from either the Old or the New Testament, preferably the New Testament.

Responsorial Psalm: should be sung

Gospel Acclamation: should be sung

The Gospel

Prayer of the Faithful: Bidding prayers with said or sung response.

+ Liturgy of the Eucharist:

Offertory Song:

Prayer over the Gifts

Preface

Holy, Holy, Holy

Eucharistic Prayer

Memorial acclamation: should be sung

Great Amen

+ Rite of Communion
The Our Father: said

Lamb of God: sung

Communion Hymn: sung or meditative music may be played - or silence observed

Prayer after Communion

Blessing

Recessional or Final Hymn: should be sung

Other points to note

Mime - drama may be used to enhance the message of the readings including the Gospel, in which case children may narrate the Gospel.

Reception of Holy Communion - The children should be encouraged in their reverence for the Holy Eucharist and should place the consecrated host in their mouth immediately after receiving it in the hand. They should be discouraged at all times from walking away with the host and placing it in their mouth while on the move.