

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Immaculate Conception Church

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4



Welcome to Immaculate Conception's PREP!

Class Times for 2019/20

Classes will run 4:30 to 5:45 pm on Tuesdays from September to May.
First day of classes is September 17 **(please mark your calendar)**.

Registration Fees

We encourage families to register early to take advantage of the discount. Early registration allows us to plan for class composition.

On or before September 9*

1 Child \$70 2 Children \$120 3 or more Children \$150

After September 9

1 Child \$80 2 Children \$130 3 or more Children \$160

Please make cheques payable to Immaculate Conception Church. Completed registration forms and attached fees can be mailed to the parish office or added to the Sunday collection in an envelope marked 'PREP.'

Sacramental Preparation

Unless permission has been given by the home parish, sacramental preparation and celebrations usually take place in the parish the child's family is registered at. Sacramental preparation for First Reconciliation / Holy Communion and Confirmation will begin in November.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 250-762-3910 x3 or david@icckelowna.ca.

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ICC PREP Coordinator

*The future of the world and the church passes through the family.
~John Paul II*



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September 2018

Dear Parents, Catholic Educators, Principals, Coordinators, and Pastors,

Re: **Preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Holy Communion and Confirmation**

Preparing children to receive the sacraments of healing (Reconciliation) and initiation (Eucharist and Confirmation) is a time of great joy for parents and the communities of faith who envelop them.

As God has commissioned parents to nurture in their children the flame of baptismal grace, so it is for the mother and father of each child to choose support of school or parish catechesis as they lead their child into the life of the Church and the sacraments.

Through the grace of the sacrament of marriage, parents receive the responsibility and privilege of *evangelizing their children*. Parents should initiate their children at an early age into the mysteries of the faith of which they are the "first heralds" for their children. They should associate them from their tenderest years with the life of the Church.³⁴ A wholesome family life can foster interior dispositions that are a genuine preparation for a living faith and remain a support for it throughout one's life. (CCC 2225)

Celebration of sacraments is a parish event. Ongoing faith formation and preparation for sacraments is a collaboration of communities: family, Catholic school or parish educators, and parish church. We understand the roles of these communities as follows:

Parents:

- ❖ cooperate with the special grace of their marriage covenant to lead their children into the life of the Church and an ever more intimate relationship with God who loves them
- ❖ seek support for this vocation from their pastor, and from religious educators in church and school; parents choose which catechetical ministry will best serve their child.
- ❖ to the best of their ability, parents lead by example in seeking to understand and practice the Church's teaching on issues of faith
- ❖ must be registered with the local parish, and support the work of the church as good stewards of their gifts of time, talent and treasure
- ❖ register for celebration of sacraments with the parish, whether preparing in school or parish
- ❖ take part in all meetings, masses and events specific to sacraments preparation as directed by their pastor and their child's faith formation program
- ❖ model a Christian way-of-being in the world, active in the communal and sacramental life of the Church, celebrating Sunday Mass, and bringing Christ with them in the everyday.

Parish RE Coordinators and Catechists:

- ❖ recognize there are two paths for religious education – Catholic school and parish catechesis – each with the same source and summit – Jesus Christ!
- ❖ support parents in nurturing the faith of their children
- ❖ acknowledge the contribution of Catholic schools who accommodate the sometimes varied expectations for sacraments of multiple parishes in their shared ministry

- ❖ understand supplies for school and parish catechesis are purchased under their own budgets
- ❖ when sharing school spaces, ensure that rooms are left as found, with teacher and student items untouched, and classrooms ready for morning activities the next day as prepared.

School Principals and Teachers:

- ❖ recognize there are two paths for religious education – Catholic school and parish catechesis – each with the same source and summit – Jesus Christ!
- ❖ remind parents reception of sacraments is a solemn rite celebrated by the church, not a school function
- ❖ support parents in nurturing the faith of their children
- ❖ teach children about the sacrament specifically – nature, effect, symbolism, liturgy – as found in the Catechism of the Catholic Church and supporting resources
- ❖ provide a list of students preparing for sacraments with names and home contact information to their registered parish
- ❖ receive direction for specific preparation – e.g. student retreat, Christian service - and inquire about dates for sacraments and associated parish meetings and activities, to ensure children are prepared in advance of these dates
- ❖ forward parish communication as requested
- ❖ understand supplies for school and parish catechesis are purchased under their own budgets
- ❖ recognize and be joyous as a school community when students have received a sacrament.

Parish – Pastor, RE Coordinator, or Pastor's Designate:

- ❖ make inquiry to the school for a list of students preparing for sacraments in that parish
- ❖ contact all parents of children preparing for sacraments, in both school and parish catechesis, regarding requirements for reception of sacraments and meeting dates
- ❖ host preparation meetings for parents, families, sponsors, and/or children
- ❖ deliver resources to parents to support preparation at home, e.g. “We Prepare for Reconciliation”, “We Share in the Eucharist”
- ❖ set the date for celebration of each sacrament (confirmation date on approval of the Bishop's Office) and communicate dates to all parents and school
- ❖ where practical, (more difficult in multi-parish schools), include school staff (teachers of 2/7 and/or principal) in organizing and celebrating the sacraments
- ❖ give any special gifts to all children
- ❖ whenever possible, ensure the church community is included in preparation and celebration of sacraments as both Christian service and spiritual renewal.

Please retain this letter as a guide for better understanding the shared roles and responsibilities in sacraments preparation. As a diocese, our goal is to nurture effective collaboration between families, religious educators, and parish communities as we illuminate for children the beauty of the Catholic faith and welcome them into the life-giving sacraments as One Body of Christ.

In Christ,

Yvonne Valiant
Director, Faith Formation

Art Therrien
Superintendent, Catholic Schools

Immaculate Conception Parish Religious Education Program

Family Information:

Your contact information is used solely for the purpose of communicating information about the Religious Education program and about parish news, including the weekly bulletin. Your contact information will not be shared with any other party.

Family Name		Parish Registered At	
Father's Name	Father's Religion	Mother's Name	Mother's Religion
Street Address			Postal Code
Home Phone Number	Cell Number	Email Address (note: this is our primary form of communication)	
Alternate Emergency Contact Name		Phone Number	Relationship to Family

Student Information as of 2019/20 School Year:

For the 'special concerns' section, please include a separate page for explanations if needed.

Child's Name	Date of Birth <i>yy/mm/dd</i>	School Grade	PREP Year	Special concerns we should know about: (medical, allergies, physical, learning)

New students to Immaculate Conception PREP (including those entering Year 1):

Please indicate any prior sacraments and/or religious education below.

Child's Name	My child has received the following:			Last Year of Rel. Ed. Completed	Parish	City
	Baptism	Reconciliation	Eucharist			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>			

Areas I am willing to help with (please check):

- ☐ As a substitute teacher for grades ____
☐ Assist with hall supervision once a month

Name of Parent Assisting: _____

For Office Use

Date Rec'd: _____ Amount: _____
 Cash ☐ Cheque ☐ Chq #: _____

Parent Agreement

I give permission to take photos of my child(ren) for the year end slide show, for the diocesan newspaper and/or parish news. Yes ☐ No ☐

I have read and I support the attached diocesan policies regarding religious education.

Parent Signature