

Parish Religious Education Program (PREP)

Immaculate Conception Church

839 Sutherland Avenue, Kelowna, BC V1Y 5X4



Welcome to Immaculate Conception's PREP!

Class Times for 2018/19

Classes will run 4:30 to 5:45 pm on Tuesdays from September to May.
First day of classes is September 18 **(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 10*

1 Child \$60 2 Children \$110 3 or more Children \$140

After September 10

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

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 October.

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

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Dear Parents:

The following are some of the policies pertaining to children's religious education in the Nelson Diocese. They were ratified by the Diocesan Pastoral Committee in May 2007. The purpose of these policies is to assist parents, catechists and pastors with maintaining a high standard of religious education for our children. Please ensure that you are familiar with these policies at the time that you register your child(ren) in the parish religious education program. May God continue to bless you and your family throughout this catechetical year.

Sincere best wishes,
Sister Elaine Biollo, SC
Director of the Office of Faith Formation.

Diocesan Policies Pertaining to Parish Children's Religious Education

VI Attendance and Tardiness

- A. We expect that the families consider the religious education of their child(ren) to be at least as important as their other activities. We also hold that a student should have certain proficiency before they are moved to the next level, and this is especially true for the sacramental years. To help support these beliefs the policy for all parishes is as follows:
- i) If more than 2 classes are missed in a semester (1st semester, Sept. to Dec.; second semester, Jan. to May), the parents are to be contacted to discuss making up the missed classes at home. Follow up by the coordinator or catechist is necessary in order to insure that the concepts in the lessons are understood. Children who habitually arrive late or who leave sessions early may also require some at-home work. This needs to be discussed with the parents in order to bring about a solution.
- B. Sacramental preparation years (generally grades 2 and 7), require special consideration regarding attendance and catechesis. Supplementary formation is required for those children whose parents bring them only for the sacramental preparation years.
- i) Children will not be admitted to grade 2 unless they have completed grade 1. This can be done during the summer with the home program. The coordinator or catechists is responsible for overseeing this home study
 - ii) It is an expectation that any child entering the grade 7 confirmation year, will have participated in religious education in a Catholic school or parish catechetical program, from grades 1 to 6. Special circumstances will require

further consideration. A minimum of one year supplementary catechesis (i.e. grade 6), is required before entering the grade 7 confirmation year.

- iii) Children in sacramental preparation years are to be catechized with their peers and not be home-schooled.
- iv) Parents are to be informed of policies VI and VII at the time of registration. The letter to parents from the Diocesan Office of Religious Education, regarding pertinent diocesan policies relating to parish children's religious education, is to be distributed to all parents at the time of registration. This letter (page III- 1 1a) can be found in the parish children's religious education Coordinator's Handbook for the Nelson Diocese.

VII Behavior management, discipline and support for catechists in the classroom

- A. There are a number of reasons why behavioral problems arise in the classroom. Some things can be avoided and can be managed by employing various skills and techniques, while others may require some disciplinary action. It is always important to keep in mind that catechesis and religious formation must always take place in a loving and accepting environment.
 - i.) The coordinators and catechists are to be informed about the causes of poor behavior in the classroom, as well as about the skills and techniques which may discourage unacceptable behavior. The Diocesan Office of Religious Education can provide resources as well as in-service on the subject of behavior management in the classroom, which may help to avoid unnecessary burnout of our volunteer catechists.
 - ii.) If a child needs to be removed from the classroom the situation should be managed by the religious education coordinator. In the presence of the coordinator, the student should be the one who explains to the parent why he/she has been asked to leave the classroom.
 - iii.) A child who has been removed from a classroom must be supervised at all times until the parent or designated guardian is present.
 - iv.) Assuming that the volunteer catechists have made an honest attempt to remedy the problem, they should always be made to feel that they have the support of the pastor, parish and parents.
 - v.) If, after sufficient steps have been taken to remedy the behavior, a student continues to refuse to obey the rules of the classroom, catechism requirement can be fulfilled through the home program. During sacramental preparation years however, children are expected to be catechized with their peers. For this reason, the sacraments will need to be postponed until the child can cooperate and be attentive in class.

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 2018/19 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: _____

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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. *Note: children's names will NOT be used unless further parental permission has been granted.* Yes No

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

Parent Signature