IMMACULATE CONCEPTION CHURCH 2025 FIRST COMMUNION INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION MEETING

Please attend only <u>ONE</u> of the following meeting dates.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 14, 2024, 7:00 P.M.

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OR SATURDAY NOVEMBER 16, 2024 AT 10:00 A.M.

It is necessary to bring to the meeting:

- 1) COMPLETED REGISTRATION FORM
- 2) A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE
- 3) THE REGISTRATION FEE \$50.00 (cash or cheque only)

PLEASE NOTE:

- You <u>MUST</u> bring <u>ALL THREE</u> items listed above to the meeting. Please <u>DO NOT</u> drop them off beforehand at the church office or send them through someone else. The registration meeting is for <u>PARENTS/GUARDIANS</u> of children in <u>Grade 2 and any child</u> that is eligible for the <u>Sacrament of First Holy Communion</u>.
- If your child is not baptized, we will need a photocopy of one parent's baptismal certificate. Baptism information will be provided at a later date.

REGISTRATION FOR FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

We are announcing the parents' meeting for this year's First Holy Communion (and First Reconciliation) Programme. We have scheduled two dates for meetings for your convenience (see above for dates) which will take place in the church. We will begin the Registration at 7:00 pm & 10:00 am sharp (respectively) and Fr. Giacomo will speak about this sacrament. Please mark these dates down on your calendar and please make it a point to be on time. Please note that First Communion classes will begin on Sunday, December 8th, 2024 at 10:15 am. There will be no "make-up meetings or sessions", therefore it is imperative that parents attend the registration meeting if they wish that their children received the sacrament of First Holy Communion.

As per the guidelines of the Archdiocese of Toronto, children will participate in the programme in **Grade 2 for First Holy Communion**. Children of all schools (Catholic, Public, and Private) will participate in the same preparation programme at Immaculate Conception Church.

REACHING OUT - As your children are preparing for their sacraments, we are hoping that it will be a **family journey**. Parents and older siblings are especially encouraged and urged to work with the children and co-operate with the school and the Church. Your attitude and approach to the sacrament and the preparation will send out strong messages to your children as to how important you consider the sacrament of Communion to be. Your collaboration is of utmost importance and remember, no one can take your place as a parent in your child's life!

Perhaps now is the opportune time to ask yourself: "To what degree, as a parent, have I been involved in teaching my child the Catholic faith?" Areas you might want to think about: Prayer in the home; respect in the family; family Mass; a sense of what is right and wrong according to the Gospel and Commandments; Confession/Reconciliation/Forgiveness. You may also what to think about anything else you consider important to your son/daughter's spiritual formation.

We look forward to working with your child on their journey of faith. We will see you at the registration meeting!

Please Note:

- If your child has not been Baptized yet, we will require a copy of one of the Parent's Baptism Certificate at the time of registration.
- The Schedule of Class Dates and Times will be handed out at the Registration Meeting.

CLASSES

Catechism classes will be held on Sundays from 10:15 am until 11:15 a.m. This will also enable the children and parents (and the rest of the family) to attend either the Sunday Mass that begins at 8:30 am (before the class) or at 11:30 am (after the class). Attendance at all catechism classes is mandatory.

SOME IMPORTANT REMINDERS & REQUESTS

Some important information and requests for parents:

- Parent(s), you must personally bring your child on time (before 10:15 a.m.) for class and accompany him/her all the way to the Parish Hall.
- Parent(s), you must personally come to the Parish Hall to pick your child up (at 11:15 a.m.) and accompany him/her out of the Parish Hall. Again, please do not make your children and the teachers wait after class. Children begin to panic when they don't see their parents. Our teachers are not babysitters, so please respect their time.
- If your child is sick and cannot attend class, please call or email the parish office before the class starts to make them aware that your child will not be attending class. Please note that there are no make up classes.
- Please be present in the Church with your child during Mass so your child feels your support
 and knows that you are accompanying him/her on this important journey. After all, you as a
 parent had made the promise before God on the day of your child's baptism that you would
 bring up your child in the practice of the faith!



YOUR CHILD'S WHOLESOME FORMATION IS OUR GOAL AND YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY AND WELL-BEING IS OUR TOP-MOST PRIORITY.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR CO-OPERATION!

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FIRST COMMUNION REGISTRATION FORM

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PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED FORM AND A COPY OF YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM CERTIFICATE TO THE REGISTRATION MEETING.

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