



Madre dei Cristiani Church

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IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PARENTS FOR NEW REGISTRATIONS --- GRADE 2 & Grade 5

GRADE 2 & GRADE 5 for 2019-2020 Catechism Year

As you are probably aware your child's school no longer provides religious instruction as part of the regular curriculum. As a result, Catholic religious instruction has now become the responsibility of parents together with the help of your Parish Church. Madre dei Cristiani is pleased to meet this challenge by offering preparatory courses for children wishing to receive the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation.

What are we doing at Madre dei Cristiani Church regarding preparation for the Sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation?

Madre dei Cristiani offers a two-year program to prepare children to receive the sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. This means that children starting Grade 2 or Grade 5 in September 2019 must register now for the *first year* of the two-year Catechism program which will begin in September 2019 and end in early May 2020. Classes are held every alternate week on **Sunday mornings from 10:15am to 12:30pm** including the Mass Celebration which begins at 11:30am. A *Catechism Schedule of dates will be provided during the parents' meetings in September.*

Outline of the Two-Year Program

All students must complete the full **TWO** Year Faith First Program for the Preparation of the Sacraments. Upon completion of:

Year 1 of the Program (2019- 2020):

Grade 2 level children will receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Confession.

Grade 5 level children will receive a copy of the New Testament Bible during Sunday Mass.

Year 2 of the Program (2020)

Grade 3 level children will receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

Grade 6 level children will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

What Program of instruction will we be using with your children?

Like the majority of Italian and English Catholic Parishes in the Diocese of Montreal, we are using a Catechism Program entitled "**Be My Disciple**" which prepares children for the Sacraments of First Reconciliation/Confession, First Communion and Confirmation. "Be My Disciple" is especially designed for your child's specific grade level and maturity. It is a complete and on-going Program of Catholic instruction. This program may be accessed by visiting the Faith First website at: www.faithfirst.com.

How do you register your child?

To register your child in our Parish Catechism program you will need to:

- Complete the attached **Registration Form** and include your payment of **\$90** to cover the costs of a workbook, project materials, photocopies, etc.
- Provide a photocopy of your child's **Baptismal Certificate (not Birth Certificate)**.
- Return the completed forms together with your payment and copy of Baptismal Certificate to the Church Office during the office hours indicated above or to Agnese Vilone at 514-363-2707. We are also providing 2 separate dates for Registration which are the following:

Sunday, July 14th from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Church Hall.

Sunday, August 11th, from 10:00am to 11:00am in the Church Hall.

If you have any questions regarding Registration or concerns regarding the Catechetical program, please do not hesitate to contact Church office at (514) 365-2830 or Agnese Vilone, Program Coordinator at (514) 363-2707 or by e-mail at: agnesvilone@gmail.com.

Thank you so much for taking the time to register your child in the religious instruction and preparation of the sacraments. We look forward to answering your questions and concerns at any time.