

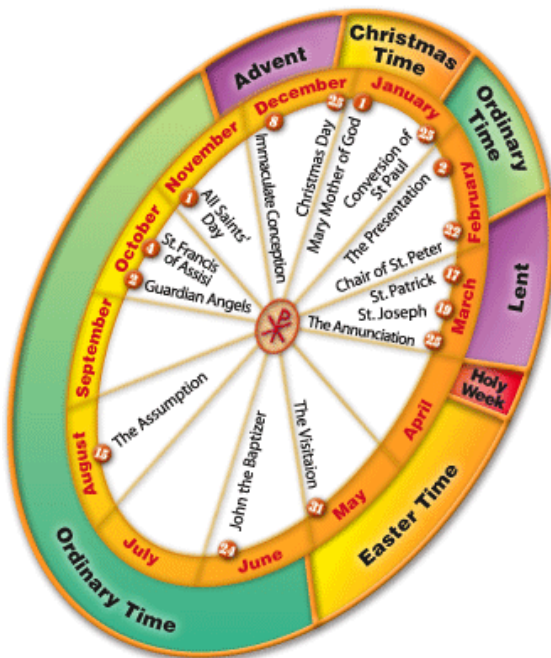
BORN OF THE SPIRIT

Religious Education program

For children who attend Private, public or alternative schools

Born of the Spirit is the religious education program authorized by the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCB) for Canada. The Home/Parish program is an edition of the Born of the Spirit series, designed to be followed in a family setting.

In the Catholic Schools, the Born of the Spirit program is taught to the children. **This teaching is an integral part of initial preparation for the celebration of all sacraments.** The religious education curriculum includes a basic and gradually developed teaching of the sacraments.



Children who attend **private, public or alternative schools** can receive this **initial** preparation in the home/parish enhanced program. This program contains many of the same themes, ways of teaching and learning as the school edition.

The Religious Education Program is structured around the **Church Liturgical year.**

YEAR 1

WE BELONG TO GOD

(Appropriate for age 6)

Invites children to explore their belonging to God who is introduced as Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

YEAR 2

WE BELONG TO THE LORD JESUS

(Appropriate for age 7)

Invites children to explore their relationship with Jesus through the Celebration of the Eucharist (the Mass).

YEAR 3

IN THE SPIRIT WE BELONG

(Appropriate for age 8)

Invites children to explore their belonging to God in the community of faith, the Church.

YEAR 4

COME AND SEE

(Appropriate for age 9)

Explores the experience of the Church handing on the Good News of Jesus in the written Gospel.

YEAR 6

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESS

(Appropriate for age 11)

The content of the year 6 Religious Education program is the moral life of young Christians.

YEAR 5

MAY WE BE ONE

(Appropriate for age 10)

Seeks to assist children in understanding more fully what the Church does as it gives witness to Jesus in the Spirit.

FAMILY AND FAITH FORMATION

The program complements parents in their role as **primary and principal educators** of their children. Home and family play an important role in the faith development of children.

Within the family, seeds of faith are planted. Family relationships and daily experiences are major factors in shaping a child's values, attitudes and Catholic identity.

Regular religious practice and the application of the program to daily life are critical parts of Faith formation.

SACRAMENTS

In accordance with the guidelines for Sacramental preparation – the Catholic schools offer on-going religion instruction as part of the preparation for the sacraments.

Sacraments are introduced gradually throughout the years in the Religious Education Program – “Born of the Spirit”.

Sacramental programs offered at the parish are not meant to replace the systematic basic content of the faith presented in the CCCB programs.



PARISH / HOME PROGRAM – Born of the Spirit

Parents take on the responsibility at home, instructing their children (material provided) and submitting in the themes to the parish coordinator throughout the year.

Parents and children will meet during the year for support and advice as well as for more themes and background material to help with the program.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY INFORMATION SESSION

FOR: First Communion, First Reconciliation & Confirmation,
Parish/Home Religious Education
and Children's Liturgy

will be offered on **Sunday, Sept. 19** starting at **1:00pm**
in the Faith Room

All registration forms & schedules will be available

COMMUNICATION

If you have any questions or concerns regarding the Born of the Spirit program, please feel free to contact me at the parish office, by phone, email or in person during office hours

Monday – Friday

8:30am to 4:30pm

(away from office July till Aug.16)

Coordinator: Ellen Baiton

Parish office: 527-6933

Email: ellenb@holymfamilymh.ca

CHILDREN'S RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION FORM – 2010 - 2011

DATE _____

FAMILY NAME (LAST NAME) _____

NAME OF PARENT (S) OR GUARDIAN _____

Address: _____ City: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone number (Home): _____

Father's work # _____ Mother's work # _____

Email address: _____

Parish where you worship _____

NAME Please enter the name of each child to be enrolled	DATE OF BIRTH Year/Month/Day	SCHOOL GRADE 2010 - 2011	CHILD'S SACRAMENTAL BACKGROUND		
			Baptism	Eucharist	Reconciliation

Completed form & fee may be dropped off:

- ❖ In person at the church office during office hours*.
- ❖ In the **MAILBOX** by the parish office on weekends when coming to Mass or during office hours*.

***Monday thru Friday – 8:30am to 4:30pm.**
July & August: office closed during noon hour

Please include the following with the registration:

- A photocopy of the child's **Baptism** or **Profession of Faith Certificate**.
(If child is new to the program or has been baptised at a different parish.)
- Registration Fee** of **\$30** per child - (please make cheque payable to Holy Family Parish)

Parent/Guardian Signature of Commitment