

The Role of the Whole Parish in Preparing Children and Adults to Celebrate Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist

Friday September 18 - Saturday September 19, 2015
Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre
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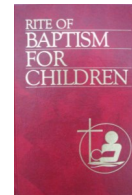
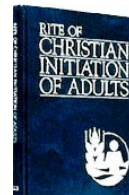
Christian Initiation Committee, Ontario Liturgical Conference
A Consultative Body of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario

The task of preparing children and adults to celebrate initiation is one of the joys and responsibilities of all the baptized. Each parish, regardless of its size or the number of candidates preparing to celebrate a sacrament of initiation, is able to assist the baptized community in fulfilling their primary role.

This conference will explore the role of the parish Sunday assembly, the sponsor, godparent, and the parish leaders in preparing others to celebrate the Church's rites of Christian initiation.

The conference will be of particular interest to:

- Pastors, Deacons, Lay Pastoral Staff
- Parishioners responsible for preparing others to celebrate
- Baptism, Confirmation & First Eucharist.
- Parish Initiation Team (RCIA) Members
- Parishioners serving as sponsors / godparents.
- School Personnel involved in immediate preparation for the sacraments of Confirmation and First Eucharist.



Cost:

Option A: \$110.00 (Conference / accommodation on Friday, Supper on Friday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday, and Friday night reception).

Add \$10.00 if registering after August 1, 2015.

Option B: \$50.00 (Conference / Friday night reception and Saturday Lunch).

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Who are we?

The Ontario Liturgical Conference is a consultative body to the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario in liturgical matters. The Christian Initiation Committee supports the OLC in matters pertaining to the implementation of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults and other issues of Christian Initiation in Ontario, Canada. One of the primary goals of the Christian Initiation Committee is to promote the vision of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults* as it applies to adults, children of catechetical age and those baptized in infancy.

Please visit our blog at: olcinitiation.blogspot.ca Questions: Email olcrcia@gmail.com

Friday September 18, 2015

5:00 p.m. On-site Check In for those staying in Residence

5:30 p.m. Supper for those in residence.

6:30 On-site Check In continues for Commuters

7:00 Welcome and Evening Prayer *Chapel*

Session 1: The Whole Parish Initiates

Paragraph 9 of the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults calls the people of God to embrace their role as the primary minister of initiation. Naming the challenges and possibilities for engaging the people of God is an important first step.

9:00 Announcements and Social

Saturday September 19, 2015

8:00 a.m. Breakfast for those in residence.

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Chapel*

Session 2: Destination:

Sunday Eucharistic Community

Each parish prepares for and celebrates initiation throughout the liturgical year. The roles or titles of the leaders may differ from one location to another. The preparation is always directed towards full participation in Sunday Eucharist. Exploring the various roles including the duties of a godparent and sponsors is an important step in broadening the responsibility for initiating new members. Godparents and sponsors require assistance to fulfill their role before and after initiation is celebrated.

A refreshment break will be held midmorning.

Session 2 continued.

12:30 Lunch (provided for everyone)

Session 3: Strengthening the Whole Parish as Primary Minister of Initiation

The whole parish is responsible for initiating new members. Exploring and naming steps that lead to change is necessary. Recognizing the common destination of the initiation journey will assist a parish in embracing the Church's vision of Christian initiation.

3:15 p.m. Evaluations and Closing Prayer

Facilitators

Catherine Ecker has worked over twenty five years as a catechist and facilitator of adult faith formation. She journeys with adults, children and families as they prepare to celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation. She is a member of the Ontario Liturgical Conference and was a team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate. Catherine presents throughout Canada.

Mike Hyland is a catechist with a Master's degree in Ministry and Spirituality. He has worked in parishes as coordinator of the parish initiation process for eight years. Mike has a strong interest and special gift in fostering the involvement of parishioners in the initiation process. Mike is currently serving on an archdiocesan committee that organizes workshops on initiation.

Father Larry Léger a priest with the Archdiocese of Toronto is the vice chair of the Ontario Liturgical Conference. He is pastor of a parish with 4500 households and over 200 young people preparing for Confirmation and First Eucharist. Fr. Larry was a team member with the North American Forum on the Catechumenate and has presented throughout Canada.

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I request a vegetarian menu

I have dietary allergies and/or restrictions (please be specific).

I am enclosing a cheque for _____ payable to Ontario Liturgical Conference

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