

Catechism Report for June 2019

Our catechism Journey Program at St Joseph The Worker parish just wrapped up another successful year with a team of 7 teachers and just over 50 enthusiastic students. We congratulate the youth who received their sacraments at Easter Vigil and the 15 students who received the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on the Feast of the Ascension of our Lord, as well as the students who received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. All catechism classes had their final class at the end May and the grade three students celebrated the sacrament of Confirmation and First Holy Communion on June 2nd with Bishop Gary, Father Monacelli, Deacon Michael, their sponsors, and their families and friends. This great celebration took place following their family retreat and rehearsal on June 1. In addition, this year we celebrated four children's masses, an All Saints Day celebration, a parent's retreat, an advent wreath making retreat, and a Christmas pageant. This year for the first time ever, we introduced a grade one class, as well as a grade 4/5 class to our program. This was a new initiative and we hope it carries on. This program requires a significant amount of organization, collaboration, coordination, communication and commitment from all involved parties. It has been an honour to serve for the last two years as the coordinator alongside Father Alfredo and exceptional volunteer teachers, administration, and families. A big thank you to Beth Geras, Angela Grohovac, Miriam Podmoroff, Gerardo and Carmen Velo, Lily Blair, Sandi Duncan, and Jennifer Smith.

Note from one of our catechism students: "We are closer to Jesus because of you."

Note from one of our parents: "Thank you for teaching, for guiding, and for loving what you do. It truly shows how God works through you and. I cannot express in words how much you all mean to us."

The program welcomes Angela Grohovac as the new catechism coordinator who comes with lots of experience, love, and passion for this role. On behalf of our whole team, we thank you for all your prayers and support throughout the year.

I pray God blesses you and your families abundantly .

Yours in Christ,
Reine Mykyte