Religious Education at Island Catholic Schools

The Catholic Church exists to evangelize with mercy and joy. Our Island Catholic Schools are an integral component of the Church called to proclaim the Good News to a wounded world. Jesus Christ is this message and remains the heart and center of our schools. The ICS religious education curriculum is aligned with the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops’ (CCCB) criteria for catechesis from infancy to age eighteen to provide clear learning outcomes and clear indicators of student development. The approved resource for grades one through eight is *Growing in Faith, Growing in Christ* published by Pearson. It reflects the content of the faith expressed in the *Catechism of the Catholic Church* and follows the rationale and methodology of the *Directory for Catechesis*. The Kindergarten program resource is currently *In God’s Image, Born of the Spirit* (CCCB*).* A locally developed Interim Program based on the CCCB criteria and the *Born of the Spirit* resource is used for grades nine to twelve.

Island Catholic Schools aims to integrate and permeate faith in all aspects of school life and in all subject areas. The whole person, in their unique experience of life, is formed in the knowledge of the faith, joins in the celebration of the sacraments and liturgy, grows in living moral teachings based on the ten commandments, learns to be of missionary service to others, and develops in personal and communal prayer. All of this formation inspires students to become their best selves, committed citizens and dedicated disciples of God who radiate the joy of faith.

Peace in Christ,

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