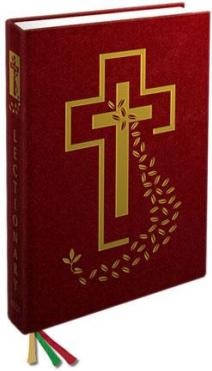


# The Word of God in the Sacraments of the Church

For those who prepare people to celebrate Sacraments of Initiation



**Friday September 15, 2017 from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. and  
Saturday September 16, 2017 from 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**Providence Spirituality Centre  
1200 Princess St. Kingston, ON**

Sponsored by the  
***Christian Initiation Committee, Ontario Liturgical Conference  
A Consultative Body of the Assembly of Catholic Bishops of Ontario***

We are called to hear and reflect on the Word of God to more deeply become the word of God ourselves and proclaim it by our lives. This gathering will focus on the role of the Word of God in our lives as Catholics. We shall explore the place God's Word has in the preparation for Baptism, Confirmation and first sharing in Holy Communion as well as the implications of having the Word of God at the heart of the initiation process (RCIA).

The conference is for all who prepare others to celebrate a sacrament of initiation including

Pastors and Deacons,  
those who lead the parish RCIA,  
parish leaders responsible for Baptism preparation for infants  
leaders of the parish Confirmation Preparation  
leaders of the parish First Communion Preparation  
**and** all people who have a passion for God's Word.

## **Cost**

**Option A \$105.00** (Conference, Friday Night Social, accommodation on Friday, Supper on Friday, Breakfast and Lunch on Saturday)

*Add \$10.00 if registering after August 15<sup>th</sup>.*

**Option B \$50.00** (Conference, Friday Night Social and Saturday lunch)

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### Friday September 15, 2017

- 4:45 p.m. Onsite check in for those staying in residence.
- 5:15 p.m. Supper for those in residence. *Dining Room*
- 6:30 p.m. Onsite check in continues.
- 7:00 Welcome and Evening Prayer *Conference Room*

#### **Session 1: The Word of God in Our Lives**

*“The Scriptures are the living waters from which all who seek life and salvation must drink.” Introduction to the Lectionary, CCCB, 2009, par. 5*

- 8:45 Night Prayer
- 9:00 Announcements and Social

### Saturday September 16, 2017

- 8:00 a.m. 8:30 a.m. Breakfast for those in residence. *Dining Room*
- 9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer *Conference Room*

#### **Session 2: The Word of God at the Heart of Initiation**

*“The Church has always venerated the divine scriptures as it has venerated the Body of the Lord, in that it never ceases, above all in the sacred liturgy, to partake of the bread of life and to offer it to the faithful from the one table of the word of God and the Body of Christ.” Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation, par. 21*

**A refreshment break will be held midmorning.**

- 12:00 Lunch (provided for everyone) *Dining Room*
- 1:15 p.m. *Conference Room*

#### **Session 3: The Word of God: Integral to Initial and Ongoing Catechesis**

*“Catechesis will always draw its content from the living source of the Word of God transmitted in Tradition and the Scriptures, for sacred Tradition and sacred Scripture make up a single sacred deposit of the word of God, which is entrusted to the Church” General Directory for Catechesis par. 94*

- 2:45 p.m. **Evaluations and Closing Prayer**

## 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.

## Members of the Christian Initiation Committee

**Margaret Bick** taught for over 30 years with Toronto Catholic school board and has written extensively on topics related to liturgy and Christian Initiation.

**Catherine Ecker** is a parish catechist and served as a team member with North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

**Mariola Gozdek** is Liturgy Coordinator at the Archdiocese of Kingston.

**Fr. Tim Hingston** is the new pastor of St. Matthew's Parish, Oakville and serves on diocesan committees.

**Fr. Larry Léger** is pastor of Holy Family Parish, Bolton and served as a team member with North American Forum on the Catechumenate.

## The Conference Site

Providence Spirituality Centre is a warm, inviting, peace-filled retreat house, on the grounds of the Motherhouse of the Sisters of Providence of St. Vincent de Paul. The lovely 33-acre setting, spotted with paths, benches, old trees and patches of delightful flowers make it an oasis of tranquility in the heart of the Kingston, Ontario community. (<http://www.providence.ca>)

The bedrooms at Providence Spirituality Centre do not have a private bathroom. There is limited availability so please register early.

For those who prefer, a limited number of rooms have been reserved at the Thriftlodge Kingston (formerly the Peachtree Inn), located across the street from the centre.

The hotel cost is \$99.00 plus tax (double occupancy) which includes parking, WIFI, continental breakfast.

Please reserve your room with Thriftlodge Kingston (1-800-706-0698) before August 15, 2017.

When reserving your hotel room please mention reference number 732-998038 or ask for the OLC Initiation group.

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Please complete one form for each person; full payment must accompany registration.

Name	
First	Last
Home Address	
City	Postal Code
Parish	Diocese
Ten Digit Phone Number	

## What area of initiation are you involved in (check all that apply)

- parish RCIA (adults and children of catechetical age)
- Baptism preparation for infants
- parish Confirmation preparation
- parish First Communion preparation
- other \_\_\_\_\_

I request a vegetarian menu

I have dietary allergies / restrictions (please be specific) \_\_\_\_\_

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I am enclosing a cheque for \_\_\_\_\_ payable to the Ontario Liturgical Conference.

## Please mail the registration form and payment to:

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