

Dear Parents,

This is indeed an exciting time in the life of our parish. With our Preschool entering its fifth successful year with more children than last year, we find confidence that what we are offering is something young parents want. We have a Catholic Preschool and so there is a definite religious bent to our school.

With the opening of Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School we have reconfigured the responsibilities. St. Patrick's Preschool will function as a part of our Catholic Elementary School, under the administration of Katherine Griffen. Its day to day operations will still be under the capable hands of Sue Kassmeier and her assistant, Kathy Wiesen. The name of the Preschool has been officially changed to Archbishop Bergan Catholic Preschool.

Completing the well rounded education of your children would be attendance at Mass if you are Catholic. And if you are not registered in the parish, now is the time to do so—we can help you with that at anytime—at church or at the parish office or through Sue Kassmeier. If you are members of one of our sister Churches in Fremont then I encourage you to attend regularly. If you do not have a Church affiliation, then your registration of your child in our program is an open door for you to explore becoming a member of the Catholic Church. I would be happy to visit with you about this at your convenience.

With the move of our Preschool to the new Archbishop Bergan Catholic Elementary School Building at 1515 Johnson Road we will have some of the very best facilities for a preschool that Fremont can offer. I am sure this will influence our registration events. I am sure the newness of the building and the excellence of the program will join forces to produce waiting lists. So, if you are registered, congratulations.

I do pray that you will make attendance at mass an essential part of your Sunday. If your children are ages 3 through 5th grade then they will be invited to participate in the Children's Liturgy of the Word. This is a wonderful experience for the children built around a simplified version of the readings that the adults will hear. Once the collection begins the children re-enter the church and join their families for the rest of the Mass.

Well, that's enough for now. I just wanted to communicate with you at this stage and welcome you to St. Patrick's Catholic Preschool.

Sincerely,

Fr. Owen W. Korte
Pastor