

Applicant's Submission

2020 August 12

What is this proposal about?

This application relates to St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church located at 1423 8 Ave SE (the "Church") in the Inglewood Community. This LCD application is the first stage in a process which would eventually allow the use "School – Private" to be added to the existing uses of the Church. Our school has already been accredited by Alberta Education and this change in land use designation will allow our school to receive funding while operating out of the Church.

Summary of the application's impact:

- a. There will be *no changes* or renovations to the Church or surrounding property. The Church is a heritage building and the Church will not be changed or demolished.
- b. There will be no impact to the community because the school has already operated out of the Church for the past 2 years and a similar program operated between 2013 and 2016;
- c. There will be no change in the parking burden in the neighbourhood; and
- d. This application simply fulfills an administrative requirement to allow the school to run out of the Church.

What is the program about?

The Gilbertine Institute is non-profit corporation and an accredited school authority in the Province of Alberta and operates cooperatively with the Church in this endeavor. The Institute operates two educational programs: 1) a two-day per week shared responsibility program (e.g. homeschool co-op) and a full-time home education program with its office in Derwent, Alberta. Functionally, the school operates analogously to a part-time private school for two days a week. Parents homeschool their children for the remaining three days a week. The school curriculum broadly follows the Alberta Programs of Study and the classical Catholic tradition to educate the full person in both intellectual excellence and strong character formation.

Why is this proposal an appropriate fit for the community of Inglewood?

Since the school has already operated at the St. John's Church within Inglewood for several years, we believe the school fits well into the community fabric and would provide a tremendous opportunity for youth education. The school has also received the support of the Inglewood Community Association.