



**Petition to Conduct Religious Instruction**

**Sections 80 and 81 of the Public Schools Act**

**Authorization for instruction in religion**

**80(1)** Instruction in religion may be conducted in any school in Manitoba if authorized by a by-law passed by the school board.

**Petition for instruction in religion**

**80(2)** If a petition requesting that religious instruction be given in a school is presented to the school board and is signed by

- a) the parents or guardians of at least 10 children attending the school having one or two classrooms; or
- b) the parents or guardians of at least 25 children attending the school having three or more classrooms;

the school board shall pass a by-law authorizing instruction in religion in compliance with the petition.

**Hours of instruction in religion**

**81** Instruction in religion, when authorized under or permitted by this Act, may take place during school hours at such time and on such days as approved by a by-law of the school board but in any case shall not exceed 2 ½ hours per week and shall be conducted by a clergyman, priest, rabbi or other spiritual leader or by a representative of parents recognized by the school board as constituting a religious group or by any person including a teacher, duly authorized by such clergyman, priest, rabbi or other spiritual leader.

**Names and Address of the Parents Initiating This Petition:**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

