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**Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center Awarded
Accreditation by the Florida Catholic Conference**

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Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center is proud to announce our Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation standing as an *Accredited Infant through 4-Year Old School* as of March 2019. This marks Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center as the first ECC in the Diocese of St. Petersburg to receive this honor.

The Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program is one of the oldest Catholic accrediting programs in the country. In the 1960's, the Florida bishops appointed a committee to explore accreditation. After studying various systems, they established a program unique to Catholic schools which would guarantee constant and continued improvement, accrediting the first schools in 1969. The Florida Catholic Conference Accreditation Program is a charter member of the National Council for Private School Accreditation.

The FCC Accredits over 180 Catholic schools and centers located in Florida. Key facets of the program include... that faculty and professional support staff meet diocesan, state, and/or national requirements for academic preparation and licensing to ensure their capacity to provide effective curriculum and instruction. Curriculum and instruction for 21st century learning provide students with the knowledge, understanding and skills to become creative, reflective, literate, critical, and moral evaluators, problem solvers, decision makers, and socially responsible global citizens. Focus on continued school improvement and accountability. The rubrics for the National Standards and Benchmarks for Effective Catholic Elementary and Secondary Schools are the core of the program.

Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center opened its doors in October 1984. For more than 30 years, their purpose has been to provide quality Christian education and child care in an atmosphere that encourages social, emotional, physical, and intellectual growth & development of the child.

The faculty and staff are honored and excited to be part of the Florida Catholic Conference and are committed to maintaining the highest level of excellence through the review and adherence to the FCC Standards, continued Professional, Education Development and Faith Formation Opportunities. Sacred Heart Early Childhood Center prides itself on its ability to meet all their family's early childhood care and educational needs.

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