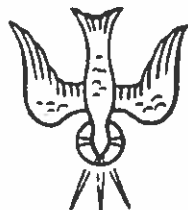


Confirmation 2019



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DATES FOR SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION FOR CHILDREN ENTERING GRADE 7 IN SEPTEMBER 2018

Registration/information meeting for Parents Only

Wednesday, 19 September 2018, 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm.

Confirmation Sessions: 7:00 pm (ends by 8:30 pm)

Session	Group A Wednesday	Group B Thursday
1	Sept. 26	Oct. 4
2	Oct. 17	Oct. 25
3	Nov. 14	Nov. 22
4	Nov. 28	Dec. 6
Christmas Break		
5	Jan. 16	Jan. 24
6	Feb. 13	Feb. 21
7	Feb. 27	Mar. 21
8	Mar. 27	Apr. 4
Day Retreat, All Candidates: May 4 (9:30 am - 6:00 pm)		
Sponsor Night: Sponsors and Candidates		
Group A: Wednesday, 15 May.		
Group B: Thursday, 16 May.		
(If the Sponsor cannot attend, a parent must stand in.)		
Confirmation Mass: June 2, 1:00 pm and 3:30 pm		

To be on our email list for updates on Confirmation and Edge send an email with the name of child and parent/guardian to AllistonLifeteen@gmail.com with "Confirmation" in the subject line.

Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church

What is Confirmation?

In the Sacrament of Confirmation the baptized Christian makes a formal and public declaration of the Catholic faith. The effect of the Sacrament is God's free gift of those graces which are needed to live the Christian commitment fully and joyfully. Baptism and Confirmation, as Sacraments of Initiation, lead to full and repeated participation in the Eucharist which is truly the "source and summit" of the Christian life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Confirmation is offered to children who are in Grade Seven. If the Candidate is not ready at this time to make a firm commitment to practice the Catholic faith, the Sacrament can always be received at a later time.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

The Candidate for Confirmation promises to take an *active* part in the preparation program, which consists mainly of a series of bi-weekly evening sessions and family activities. Each evening session includes catechesis and guided small-group discussion. In addition there are school-day retreats, organized with the school, and an all-day Saturday retreat. Since faith is lived within the family, our evening sessions are designed for family participation — at least one parent is required to take part in the sessions along with their child.

We strongly encourage all Candidates to participate in our EDGE Youth Ministry program.

The Role of Parents and Sponsor

When these Candidates were baptized, their parents made a solemn promise to bring them up in the practice of the Catholic faith. In carrying out this obligation the parents are assisted by the Parish and the Catholic School. Parents, therefore, are expected to take an active part in the preparation for Confirmation as the principal educators of their own children, but also as members of the Parish helping other parents in fulfilling their obligations.

The Sponsor *must* be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and is at least 16 years old. The Sponsor *cannot* be a parent and *preferably* not a brother or sister. The Sponsor may be one of the baptismal Godparents. The Sponsor should be someone who truly witnesses the Catholic faith.

Regular Weekly Attendance at Sunday Mass

The Third Commandment is "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." The Eucharist is the primary and indispensable source of the Christian life. The family of the Candidate is expected to make participation at Sunday Mass a priority.

Confirmation Mass

Candidates will be assigned to one of the two Confirmation Masses. The seating capacity of the Church is limited, so the number of guests per family must also be strictly limited. For safety reasons, once the Church is full we cannot admit more people into the Church.

Thank you to our parish volunteers!

A tremendous amount of work goes into making our Confirmation Program possible: we thank our Youth Ministry Team and other parishioners who are so generous with their time and energy.

In Christ,
Fr. Glass