



# HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Dear Parent(s) and Confirmation Candidates,

This year you are invited to prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. This is a significant event in your life and should not be undertaken lightly. Confirmation perfects baptismal grace and confers the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will allow you to take up a more mature role in the Church. The sacrament will help you to be a witness to your faith in word and deed. **PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS IMPORTANT LETTER.**

## **THE REGISTRATION NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON**

**Tuesday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** for St Marks & St Bernard Schools.

**Thursday, October 15<sup>th</sup>, 7:00pm** for St Paul, St Theresa, St Matthew and all other schools including virtual & home.

There will be a presentation in the church that will start promptly at 7:00pm. **Parents and Candidates are required to attend** this presentation as details concerning the celebration will be discussed. **MASK ARE MANDATORY.** Everyone will be required to use the provided hand sanitizer upon entering and ushers will be present to seat you in order to maintain proper physical distance for everyone. You will find that Holy Family is a very safe environment. Please visit: <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/sunday-mass-registration/> for more information on our safety protocols.

- 1. The following is required to register:** a) Visit our website at [holyfamilywhitby.ca](http://holyfamilywhitby.ca) and click on **Confirmation**. b) **Complete** the Online Registration Form and press 'submit'. c) You will receive an email notification, please **print the PDF attachment** and bring it with you when you register together with your child's Baptismal certificate, along with a copy for the office, and the \$50 registration fee on the day of registration.
- 2. Inscription Ceremony.** Your official preparation begins with an Inscription ceremony. All candidates for spring 2021 must be enrolled in a public inscription ceremony which takes place during a Sunday Liturgy. Inscription for St Mark & St Bernard will take place on the weekend of Oct 31 & Nov 1, for St Paul, St Theresa, St Matthew and all other schools, including virtual & home-schooled candidates, the Inscription will take place on the weekend of Nov 7 & 8. The candidates will be invited forward during the liturgy to present the completed **Inscription Ceremony Form** to the presiding priest. Additional Inscription forms can be found on our website on the Confirmation webpage.
- 3. Sessions:** There will be five Online Confirmation sessions (via Zoom) and one in-person session (at the church) that will begin in November, which are coordinated by the Confirmation Coordinator, Mike Tice. **All students are required to attend all sessions.** **Parents are required to participate in 3 online PARENTS' sessions** (*refer to important dates sheet for schedule*). **There will also be a short online SPONSOR sessions for all sponsors on Wednesday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 8pm.**
- 4. Mass Attendance:** The most important and visible way to witness one's faith is to actively participate in its public celebrations. It is expected, therefore, that all candidates attend Sunday Mass on a regular basis.

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5. **Expectation:** Once a candidate is confirmed, he or she is expected to be able to speak the faith in an informed and intelligent way. Preparation for the sacrament will require you to get to know what Catholicism is all about and know at least the main facets of the teachings of Jesus and the Church.
6. **Confirmation Letter:** Next Spring, you will have to decide, together with your parents, whether you are ready to assume the responsibilities that Confirmation will impose on you for the rest of your life. You are expected to write a letter to your pastor, in which you state your readiness to practice your faith every Sunday and demonstrate your understanding of the sacrament and sufficient knowledge of the Catholic faith. We invite you to present your letter during a Sunday Liturgy. Candidates from St Marks & St Bernard are to attend one of the Sunday Masses of their choice on the weekend of April 10-11, 2021 and candidates from St Paul, St Theresa, St Matthew and all others schools including virtual/home schooled are to attend on the weekend of April 17-18, 2021. Sunday Mass times: Sat 5pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm.

### **Confirmation Sponsor Form**

1. Please read carefully the requirements before selecting your sponsor and give this form to your sponsor as early as possible.
2. Ask your sponsor to fill out the Sponsor Registration Form and return it to you **before April**. You will be required to bring the completed Sponsor form with you when presenting your Confirmation Letter. **Refer to "Confirmation Letter" dates above or the important dates sheet attached.**

This is a very important year in your life. You have the opportunity to grow spiritually into a mature Christian and to be a witness to your faith in Jesus Christ. Be assured that I am available to give you whatever guidance you may need in your preparation. It is with faith and the love of your parents and the Church that we begin this very special journey with you.

With prayerful best wishes,

Rev. Fr. László Nagy  
Pastor