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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 3, 7:00pm for St Paul, St Theresa, St Matthew and all other schools.

Thursday, October 5, 7:00pm for St Marks & St Bernard Schools

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.

1. The following is required to register:

a) BEFORE REGISTRATION NIGHT:

1. Please locate your child's Baptismal Certificate. Visit our website at holyfamilywhitby.ca and click on **Confirmation**.
2. **Complete** the Online Registration Form and press 'submit'. You will receive an email notification.

b) ON REGISTRATION NIGHT:

1. Bring your child's original Baptismal certificate, along with a copy for the office.
2. Bring the printed email PDF notification and the \$75 registration fee.

2. Inscription Ceremony. Your official preparation begins with an Inscription ceremony. All candidates for spring 2024 must be enrolled in a public inscription ceremony which takes place during a Sunday Liturgy.

Inscription will take place on the weekend October 21 & 22, 2023

The candidates will be invited forward during the liturgy to present the completed **Inscription Ceremony Form** to the presiding priest. Inscription forms can be found on our website on the Confirmation webpage.

3. Sessions: There will be six (6) Confirmation sessions, 3 in schools that will begin in October, and 3 at church that will start in January 2024 all of which are coordinated by the Confirmation Coordinator, Mike Tice. **All students are required to attend all sessions** (*refer to important dates sheet for schedule*).

***NOTE:** For Students who **DO NOT** attend one of our five parish schools (for students attending a Public, Other Catholic, Private or home school), all 6 sessions will take place at the church starting in October. Please refer to the Important Dates sheet under Private/Public for dates & times.

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.
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. While 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, it is our fervent hope that through this learning you will begin an understanding of a personal relationship with Jesus for your whole life.
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.

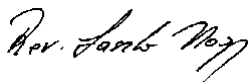
Candidates and parents are to attend one of the Sunday Masses of their choice on the weekend of April 6 & 7, 2024 - Sunday Mass times: Sat 5pm, Sun 8am, 9:30am, 11:00am & 12:30pm

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. Candidates are expected to bring the Sponsor form on the weekend of April 6 & 7, 2024 during one of the Sunday Masses stated above.

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