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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 taken lightly. Confirmation perfects baptismal grace and bestows upon you the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which will allow you to participate more fully in God's Church. The sacrament will help you be a witness to your faith in your words and actions.

PLEASE READ BOTH SIDES OF THIS IMPORTANT LETTER. The following sections of this letter will outline all requirements you must complete in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this coming spring.

Registration Stage 1

Please complete the online form prior to October 8th, 2024 to complete stage 1 of registration.

Step by step guide:

1. Please locate your child's Baptismal Certificate.
2. Visit our website at holyfamilywhitby.ca and click on **Confirmation**.
3. **Complete** the Online Registration Form and press 'submit.' A confirmation email will be sent to you after submitting.

Registration Stage 2 / Parent Information Night

The parent information night will be on Tuesday, October 8th @ 7:30pm at the parish. This session is for parents only. Where possible, having both parents in attendance is ideal as this night will equip you with the information and tools necessary to support your child on this journey of Confirmation.

What to bring with you to the information session:

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

Inscription Ceremony.

All candidates for spring 2024 must be enrolled in a public inscription ceremony which will take place during a Sunday Mass on the weekend of November 2 & 3, 2024. The candidates will be invited forward at the end of the Mass to present the completed **Inscription Ceremony Form** to the presiding priest.

The inscription form can be found on our website: <https://www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/confirmation-3/>

Formation Sessions

There will be six (6) Confirmation sessions. The first 3 sessions will take place in the schools beginning in October. The last 3 sessions will be held at the church starting in January 2025 all of which are coordinated by the Confirmation Coordinator, Mike Tice. All students are required to attend all sessions.

Mass Attendance

The most important and visible way to witness one's faith is to actively participate in its public celebrations. At Mass we encounter Jesus Christ in the most intimate and profound way possible. It is a true gift and privilege that we are able to worship God together as a community and receive Him into ourselves through the Eucharist each Sunday. It is expected, therefore, that all candidates attend regular Sunday Mass.

Confirmation Sponsor Form / Name Form

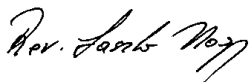
Candidates must have a sponsor to accompany them on their journey of faith through Confirmation and for the rest of their lives. The Sponsor forms are available on our website. Please read carefully the list of sponsor requirements before selecting your sponsor and give the form to your sponsor as early as possible to ensure they have time to fill it out.

Candidates are expected to bring the Sponsor form to the parish on the weekend of April 5 & 6, 2025 during one of the Sunday Masses.

Once a candidate is confirmed, he or she is expected to be able to speak the faith in an informed and knowledgeable 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 greatest hope that through this learning you will begin or further grow your personal relationship with Jesus that will continue to grow and sustain you throughout your entire life.

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