



HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Dear Parent(s) and Confirmation Candidates,

This year all grade 7s, along with any grade 8s who did not complete confirmation last year, are invited to prepare for the **Sacrament of Confirmation!** This is a significant event in our Catholic life and should not be taken lightly. Confirmation perfects baptismal grace and bestows upon us the gifts of the Holy Spirit, which allow us to participate more fully in God's Church. The sacrament helps us be a witness to our faith in our 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 7th, 2025 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

There will be a parent information night on Tuesday, October 7th @ 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 2026 must be enrolled in a public inscription ceremony which will take place during a Sunday Mass on the weekend of October 25 & 26, 2025. 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: www.holyfamilywhitby.ca/confirmation-3/

Formation Sessions

There will be six (6) Confirmation sessions. The first 3 sessions will take place in the parish schools beginning in October. The last 3 sessions will be held at the church starting in January 2026. For those not enrolled at one of our parish schools sessions 1-3 will take place at the Church. All sessions are coordinated by the Confirmation Coordinator, Mike Tice. All students are required to attend all sessions. A confirmation retreat will take place in April, prior to the Confirmation date, in collaboration with the schools.

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

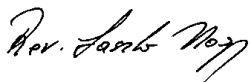
Candidates must have a sponsor to accompany them on their journey of faith through Confirmation and for the rest of their lives. The Sponsor forms are available on our website. Please read carefully the list of sponsor requirements before selecting your sponsor and give the form to your sponsor as early 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 March 7 & 8, 2026 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