

Warmest Autumn Greetings,

Dear Parents of our Confirmation Candidates...

Thank you for having registered your child(ren) to become fully initiated Roman Catholic young men and women through the Sacrament of Confirmation this November.

We're *excited* to welcome, serve, prayerfully support and journey with you in the faith.



*As we see the beauty of autumn,  
let us see the blessings which are ours.*

**Re: An Important Update - Confirmation Date(s)**

Last January, when we sent out our Registration packages for Confirmation, we never imagined that schools and churches would be closed, re-opened, and that we'd be navigating the waters of change in the midst of a pandemic situation.

Here are a few of those important changes to know...

**Re: 30 % seating capacity**

The Government of Ontario Ministry of Health has set stringent safety protocols in the re-opening of places of worship. Churches are allowed only a **maximum of 30% seating capacity** for liturgical celebrations.

**Re: The need for an additional Confirmation date:**

With our Parents' Registration evening last week, a clearer picture emerged as to the number of youth registered for Confirmation this November. To maintain safety protocols and allow for family members/guests to attend, we now require an additional Confirmation date.

Our *two* Confirmation dates therefore will be:

**Sunday, November 22nd, 2:00 pm in the Church**

-and-

**Sunday, November 29th, 2:00 pm in the Church**

**Re: PLEASE RSVP:**

*Please advise us of your date choice* - and thank you sincerely for understanding that, with the limit on how many we may accommodate each week, we must offer these dates on a *first-come, first-served basis*.

Once a cap is reached for one Sunday, we must then defer registrants to the other.

It's actually good *news that* we require two celebrations! This is a reflection of your commitment, care and resolve in bringing your children to the faith, to become fully-initiated, Roman Catholic young men and women!

**Re: How many family members/guests may we bring?**

We'll be able to advise you of the specific number once all registrations are in following next Wednesday, the final registration date.

**Re: A Gentle Reminder...**

Next Wednesday, October 28th, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm is the Candidates' first evening. This will take place in the church and we ask that youth arrive a little early so that we may complete safety procedures at the entrance and begin on time. Thank you!

**Re: Keeping in touch...**

We will keep you posted, always via email newsletter, of sacramental prep news, articles, videos, etc. to help support you as you teach and prepare your child for Confirmation.

We're blessed to journey in faith with you.

Be assured of our prayers.

God bless you and your loved ones.

In Jesus,  
Marguerite

*"Lord, please give me the same spirit that you want the children I teach to have." -Blessed Marie Rose Durocher*

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