



## St. Mary of the Visitation Parish

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

On behalf of the Parish Community of St. Mary of the Visitation, it is my pleasure to invite you to prepare your child to celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, is one of the Sacraments of Catholic initiation. In Confirmation, the baptized person is strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed to live as a maturing Catholic. In addition to the instruction received at school, it is assumed that the candidates have been learning about the Catholic faith at home and through regular attendance at Sunday Eucharist in the parish.

Due to the pandemic, we are not able to hold a parent gathering as we have in the past. Instead, **all registration must be completed online**. Please visit our parish website: [www.stmaryhespeler.ca](http://www.stmaryhespeler.ca) and complete the online form found under 'Sacraments – Confirmation' **by Friday, November 20, 2020**. You will be required to provide a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate if he/she was *not* baptized at St. Mary of the Visitation Parish. (There is no registration fee this year as we are not able to host a Confirmation retreat, nor are we permitted to rent gowns for the Confirmation Mass.)

Dates and further details for the celebration of the Sacrament will be provided to the schools and posted on our website as they are confirmed with the Diocese of Hamilton. In the meantime, to assist you in your role as the primary religious educator of your child, and to complement the efforts of your child's teachers, resources will be posted on our parish website for review. I look forward to collaborating with you in the important task of preparing your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Together In Christ,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, which reads "Fr. Robert Love". The signature is fluid and cursive, written in a professional style.

Fr. Robert Love

Pastor