



ST. MARY STAR OF THE SEA ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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2020 CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Dear Parents/Guardians,

This year is a very special time for St. Mary's young people who will be celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. It is a year in which our young people, through their own choosing, become more aware of their Catholic-Christian faith and its joys and responsibilities. This journey began the day of their baptism, continued through the regular receiving of Holy Communion and is now perfected in the Sacrament of Confirmation with the sending of the Holy Spirit. We are excited to partake in this journey with you and your family, be assured of our prayers for you!

Attached in this package are details to register, a description and outline of the preparation program, and a list of important dates. Please be aware that after the registration has been fully submitted, the Confirmandi will be assigned their first task. The first task will ask them to write a letter about themselves, what they have come to know about Jesus Christ, and the Catholic faith as well as why they would like to be confirmed. More details will be given out in mid-January. The Confirmandi will also receive a package with a description of the program as well as a calendar with important dates.

Expectations for registration are:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish.
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Form via Google Forms. The following is the link to access the form: <https://forms.gle/cUFBbQzqLcLZMSax5>
 - Note: the link to the Google Form can also be found on our parish website
- In the Google Form, please upload a copy of your child's baptismal certificate
- There is a registration fee of **\$50**. Upon completion of the form and submission of the baptismal certificate, please place the registration fee in a sealed envelope addressed to "Confirmation 2021" and drop it in the mail slot at the parish office. In the envelope please include your child's name.

If you prefer to submit a hardcopy of the registration form and your child's baptismal certificate to the parish office, please let Adriene know at aadona@archtoronto.org.

The completed registration package (Google form, baptismal certificate, and the registration fee) must be submitted by Thursday, January 14, 2021 in order for your child to be registered.

HOPESTONE'S "THE MARK" CONFIRMATION ONLINE PREPARATION

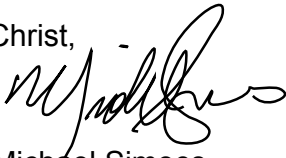
HopeStone Catholic Formation offers Catholic retreats to elementary and high school students. This year they have created a Confirmation program offered completely online in video sessions for students preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are a total of 6 sessions, each session takes between 20-30 minutes to complete. After each session there are 3 questions that the Confirmandi are asked to answer. They will type in their answers which will later be shared with Adriene to track their progress through the program. Because this program is online, the Confirmandi will be able to work through them at their own pace based on the timeline we have created. At the end of the preparation period a week before your child will be confirmed, HopeStone offers an interactive virtual retreat in which the Confirmandi are asked to attend.

We have designed the timeline so that the Confirmandi will have at least one week to complete each session. After 3 sessions, there will be a virtual follow up meeting with Adriene to unpack and discuss how the sessions went. During the virtual follow ups, Adriene may assign smaller tasks to the Confirmandi to complete. At the end of the preparation period, HopeStone offers an interactive virtual retreat in which the Confirmandi are required to attend.

Attached below is a flyer that HopeStone has put together which outlines the basis of their online program and how each video session is broken down for the Confirmandi. To access the program, you will create an account that will allow your child to login to the sessions. The email that you use to register your child will be the same email you will use to login to the program. Once you have received your login information, the Confirmandi will be able to begin the program right away.

Please note that reminders for meetings and deadlines will be posted on our parish website and posted in the parish newsletter. We have also recently started to use Flocknote, an alternative communications platform for emailing. Upon registration, Adriene will be adding your email into the Flocknote group specifically for Confirmation 2021. Adriene will be in frequent contact with you to remind you about these dates through these emails.

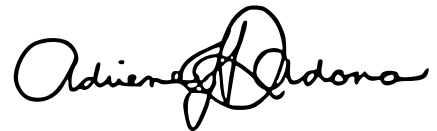
In Christ,



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ONLINE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

After meeting thousands of Candidates over the last few years. Our team is excited to share our very own Online Confirmation Preparation Program!

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- An opening prayer by a Priest, Catechesis talk, Personal testimonies
- Candidates submit journal questions individually after every session.
- Discussion questions
- Parish Leader Guide with logistics & additional information.
- Personalized Landing Page for parishes www.hopestone.ca/parishname
- Parish Leaders can monitor progress & journal submissions.

PROGRAM SESSIONS

Session 1: "The One"

God's creation, God's beginning, the Trinity.

Session 2: "The Holy"

Who is Jesus, why Jesus died, holiness.

Session 3: "The Catholic"

Why Catholic, the Holy Spirit, the Gifts, His Grace.

Session 4: "The Apostolic"

What is Pentecost, the Apostles, what is Confirmation.

Session 5: "The Church"

PART 1: The Church, the Eucharist, the Saints, the Mission.

PART 2: Tour of St. Michael's Cathedral with Cardinal Collins.

Session 6: "The Mark"

PART 1: What the mark does for our soul & why it matters.

PART 2: Prayer Reflection

OPTIONAL ADDITIONAL PROGRAM:

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: In-person or Virtual.

FOR PRICING, MORE INFO OR TO BOOK:

Call Now: 647-839-5113 Email: the.mark@hopestone.ca

WWW.HOPESTONE.CA/CONFIRMATION

Important Dates for Confirmation 2021

Below is the timeline of the preparation as well as important dates of when each follow up session is scheduled and when your child's Confirmation will be.

Date	Event	Place
Thursday, December 10, 2020	Registration Opens	
Thursday, December 10, 2020	Virtual Parents Information Session	Zoom
Thursday, January 14, 2021	Registration Closes Letter assigned to Confirmandi	
Monday, February 22 - Friday, February 26, 2021	Letters are due, absolutely last date to submit is Friday, February 26	Submit through Google Forms
Saturday, February 27/Sunday February 28, 2021	Distribution of Crosses	St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Monday, March 1, 2021 to Friday, March 26 2021	Program login will be distributed Sessions 1-3 Work Period	Hopestone online modules
Saturday, March 27, 2021	Virtual Follow Up #1	Zoom/Teams
Tuesday, April 6, 2021 to Friday, April 23, 2021	Sessions 4-6 Work Period	Hopestone online modules
Saturday, April 24, 2021	Virtual Follow Up #2	Zoom/Teams
Monday, April 26, 2021 - Saturday, May 1, 2021	Virtual Retreat will be available	Hopestone online modules
Saturday, May 8, 2021	Confirmation Mass	St. Mary Star of the Sea Parish

****Please note that the dates of these celebrations may change depending on the pandemic restrictions.***