



**ST. JUDE'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

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Dear Parents/Guardians

**Re: Confirmation Program 2026-2027**

Minimum requirements to be met for your child to be eligible for Confirmation:

- must be **baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith**
- will be attending grade 7 or higher next September (Grade 7 to Grade 12).
- must attend class sessions and scheduled events, and complete assigned homework
- must attend Sunday Mass St. Jude's Parish regularly with parents.

\*\*To print the registration package, go to St. Jude's website: [stjudeswe.archtoronto.org](http://stjudeswe.archtoronto.org). click on the top Parish Life tab, click on forms, then scroll down until you find the Confirmation registration forms for the student and the sponsor.

The following documentation is required to register your child:

- Completed registration form (one per child),
- Signed Catechism contract,
- Photocopy of the child's Birth certificate,
- Photocopy of the child's Baptism certificate,
- Photocopy of the child's First Communion certificate.
- Fee (\$100) cash/cheque (covers the cost of the program's material & gown rental)

\*\* Who can be a sponsor? A person who is confirmed, single or married in the Catholic Church (not in the courthouse or in a different Church). Please provide:

- Completed sponsor form.
- Photocopy of sponsor's Confirmation certificate.
- Photocopy of sponsor's Marriage certificate from the Catholic Church, if married.

**\*Please bring photocopies of the documents requested**; the parish office will not be able to photocopy any documents.

\*Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

**DEADLINE to submit confirmation registration: Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 6:00pm**

We have scheduled an **orientation session** on **Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, 7:00pm** to make sure you understand the program and to answer any questions you might have.

***It is mandatory that the candidate and at least one parent attends the orientation session.***

Thank you for supporting your child's journey in the Catholic Faith.

In Christ,

Fr. Josue Vargas Lara

# **Sacrament of Confirmation**



## **Registration Package 2026-2027**

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**Sacrament of Confirmation**

**FOR PARENTS**

**SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION**

Dear parents/guardians,

**WELCOME TO THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION!**

The decision to be confirmed is a serious one, for it indicates that a young person wishes to ratify and accept the Church. In Confirmation, one willingly assumes an active participation in the Church's apostolate or mission.

Sacraments are, first and foremost, acts of Jesus, in union with members of his body, the Church. The Church, therefore, is responsible for determining the specifics of sacramental preparation and celebration.

There are two type of preparation for sacraments: *initial* and *immediate*.

**INITIAL PREPARATION** is done by the family and school and encompasses:

- Education in a Catholic school system (or equivalent formation in the parish) daily living of a Catholic lifestyle appropriate to one's age and spiritual development, including weekly celebration of Mass
- Parents and Teachers should witness to the children, by word and example, the meaning of Christian discipleship
- Parents and Teachers should emphasize repeatedly with children the importance of Sunday Eucharist and its connection to the sacraments

**IMMEDIATE PREPARATION** is done by the parish and encompasses:

- Sunday worship
- Encouraging prayer in the family developing a specific sacramental catechesis teaching on the sacrament being anticipated
- Stressing with parents that their child's immediate preparation takes place in their parish of worship
- Working closely with teachers and parents regarding those students who have special needs
- The responsibility for preparing candidates for First Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation belongs to the parents and the parish.
- Since cooperation among parents, parish and school is essential in sacramental preparation and celebrations, the details of the preparation programs should be shared and communicated to all concerned.

**Sacrament of Confirmation**  
**FOR PARENTS**  
**SHARING IN YOUR CHILD'S JOURNEY OF FAITH**

**Why do parents have to be involved in sacramental preparation programs? Isn't this preparation being done at school or in the home?**

The preparation is done at school and in the home. Confirmation, however, requires much more preparation. Full initiation into the mystery of Christ is about the making of a Christian! Today we recognize that initiation needs a partnership, with parents as the first and most important partners!

At your child's baptism, you promised to bring your child up in the faith. Passing on faith involves all your day-to-day relationships: your family priorities, your witness to the values of the gospel in spite of all the pressures on family life today. Sacramental preparation programs offer you an opportunity to join with the parish in preparing and in celebrating your child's full initiation into the Christian life of your community.

**Why is this taking place in the parish and not in the school?**

The school or the classroom is not the community of faith into which your child is to be initiated. The community that worships every Sunday says "Come, join us at the table!" You and your family are invited to participate more deeply in the activity of that faith community. The school can do this only at a distance through its religious education program and by the witness of the community of teachers and students.

**What are we expected to do at home?**

You are invited to share your faith with your child in a simple way. Suggestions from the team will offer some ways of doing this.

**Who decides when my child is ready?**

You do, for you know your child best. You may, however, want to consult with your child's pastor or catechist. The child's desire should also be respected. In the process of preparation you may discover that your child does not really understand the sacrament. It would be well, in this case, to delay the celebration.

**What are the "*Gifts of the Spirit*" that we receive at Confirmation?**

**Wisdom**

The ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

**Understanding**

A heart that accepts, cares, listens, understands, forgives.

**Right Judgment**

The ability to make good and wise decisions.

**Courage**

The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

**Reverence**

A deep respect for God, for others, and for all creation.

**Wonder & Awe in God's Presence**

A sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of His nearness.

**Knowledge**

With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God.

## Sacrament of Confirmation

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. **Our parish-based instruction program prepares your child for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation.** Your child must be baptized Roman Catholic, and has received the sacrament of First Communion, or your child has been formally received into the Catholic Church.

If your child is not baptized, please inquire about the RCIC (Rite of Christian Initiation for Children) program.

2. We recognize that not every student who attends one of our parish schools worships at St. Jude's Parish. **Confirmation programs are parish-based and are not taught in the schools, your child should be prepared by the church where you worship each Sunday.** Therefore, if you are worshipping at another Catholic parish on Sundays, your child should be confirmed at that parish.
3. IF YOUR FAMILY ATTENDS ANOTHER CHRISTIAN DENOMINATION CHURCH:

If your family attends another Christian denomination church on Sundays, even though your child may have been baptized Catholic, this program is not for you. Confirmation is a sacrament of full initiation into the Catholic Church. You may want to check with your own minister about their Confirmation program.

4. Important notice for children baptized in an ORTHODOX CHURCH or in an EASTERN CATHOLIC CHURCH:

The Roman Rite is one of twenty-two rites in the universal Catholic Church. Many Catholics in the Archdiocese of Toronto were baptized in one of the various Eastern Rite Churches that constitute the Catholic Church. It is the tradition of most of the Catholic Eastern Rite and Orthodox churches that those being initiated are confirmed and receive the Eucharist at the time of baptism. Please check your child's baptism certificate to verify if your child received Confirmation at baptism. When the parish in conjunction with the Catholic schools prepares the candidates for the Confirmation, those Eastern Rite Catholic students are welcomed to take an active part in all aspects of the program of the parish and school. When the Roman Catholic candidates are being confirmed, those of the Eastern Rite may participate as well but there must be a clear intention and action that they are not being confirmed. The Eastern Rite students will be called forward with a brief explanation for the assembly and receive a blessing from the pastor as an act of recognition of their previous confirmation and a prayer for its fruitfulness in their lives. Orthodox Rite students are also welcome to participate in the lessons and retreats but the Orthodox bishops have asked that their students not be publicly recognized at the Confirmation Masses.

# ARCHDIOCESE OF TORONTO

## NORMS for Sacramental Preparation

### INTRODUCTION

2. Sacraments are for people. The Christian faithful have the right to receive the spiritual good of the Church, especially the word of God and the sacraments (*Canon 213*)
3. Sacramental Preparation in the Archdiocese of Toronto is rooted in three principles:
  - All sacraments are ecclesial celebrations, i.e. celebrations of the Church;
  - Parents are the primary educators of their children in the way of faith;
  - Catholic schools are an integral part of ongoing Religious Education, including *initial* (ongoing Religious Education) preparation for the sacraments.
4. There are two types of preparation for sacraments, *initial* and *immediate*.
5. **INITIAL preparation** encompasses:
  - Sunday worship.
  - Prayer in the family.
  - **Education in a Catholic school system (or equivalent formation in the parish in Catholic doctrine and life-style).**
  - Daily living of a Catholic life-style appropriate to one's age and spiritual development.
6. **IMMEDIATE preparation** encompasses:
  - Sunday worship.
  - Prayer in the family.
  - **Specific sacramental catechesis on the sacrament being anticipated.**
  - Daily living of a Catholic life-style appropriate to one's age and spiritual development

The *immediate preparation* for all candidates for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation is the responsibility of parents and of the parish.

8. The Second Vatican Council teaches that parents, "by word and example, are the first heralds of the faith with regard to their children" (*Lumen Gentium, II*). It is, therefore, the right and duty of parents to take an active part in the child's spiritual formation.

*It is the responsibility of the parish, however, to encourage and support parents in the faith formation of their child. This frequently involves*

*providing specific catechesis on the sacraments for parents and/or children.*

### GENERAL GUIDELINES

10. Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist are intimately related as three distinct sacramental moments which together form the total process of sacramental initiation into the Church (*Canon 842*).
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16. Special needs children have a right to the sacraments. They are to be catechized according to their capacity, utilizing the expertise of catechists with training in this ministry (*Canon 777*).

*Special needs children will receive catechesis suitable to their abilities. What is expected of the child is adapted individually to suit his/her development.*
17. Liturgical actions are primarily actions of Christ and celebrations of His Church, not private devotions. Since sacraments are liturgical celebrations, their very nature calls for a communal celebration. The source and place for their celebration is the local worshipping community, i.e. the parish (*Canon 837*)
18. When a child is enrolled in a Catholic school and the family worships in a parish *other than* that in which the school is located, **immediate preparation and the celebration of the sacraments is the responsibility of the parish of worship, i.e.** the one the family attends *most regularly*.
19. Since sacraments are ecclesial celebrations, it is the responsibility of the parish to collect the baptismal certificates before First Eucharist and Confirmation. Church law requires that a valid Baptism be conferred with water (pouring or immersion) and in the name of the Blessed Trinity (*Canon 849*).
20. Children who belong to Orthodox Churches and attend school within the Catholic Boards may receive initial and ongoing catechesis, as taught in the school's curriculum.

21. Orthodox children remaining Orthodox must not be included in a Catholic parish's immediate preparation for First Reconciliation, First Eucharist or Confirmation.
22. Children validly baptized in another Christian tradition who wish to be received into full communion in the Catholic Church must have the permission of their parents and receive suitable catechetical instruction before celebrating the Rite of Reception into Full Communion. Confirmation and First Eucharist follow the celebration of the Rite of Reception.
24. Any decision to delay First Eucharist to a child who has completed the parish preparation process and is baptized in the Roman Catholic Church is to be made only after the parish priest has consulted the child's parents to decide whether or not the child is ready (*Canon 843*).

## PHASES OF IMMEDIATE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

### Enrolment and Spiritual Accompaniment

28. The main function of enrolment is to provide an opportunity for parents to present their children to the community, inviting the congregation as a whole to share in the responsibility of providing prayerful support for Christian formation.
30. Since the sacrament of Confirmation is to be celebrated on or close to Pentecost, the enrolment of candidates is normally celebrated during the Sunday liturgy at the end of the liturgical year or at the beginning of Advent. The enrolment marks the beginning of *immediate* sacramental preparation.
31. The period includes, especially before Confirmation, a retreat or day of recollection in order to enhance the candidate's journey towards the celebration of the sacrament. This retreat or time of prayer could be held on an evening, a weekend or during school time. The coordination, facilitation and any expenses incurred are responsibilities of the parish.

## PARTICULAR NORMS

### Confirmation:

60. In the sacrament of Confirmation, God bestows the Holy Spirit on us as Christ promised the Church. This promise was realized at Pentecost. In this sense, it intensifies the effects or capacities given in Baptism (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, nos. 1303-1305) and can be

seen as an extension of Pentecost (Jn. 20:21; Acts 2: 1-4).

61. By the sacrament of Confirmation the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, no. 1285).
62. All baptized persons who have not been confirmed and only they are capable of receiving Confirmation (*canon 889, § 1*).
63. To be licitly confirmed it is required, if the person has the use of reason, that one be suitably instructed, properly disposed and able to renew one's baptismal promises (*canon 889, § 2*).
64. Children in the Eastern Church (Orthodox and Catholic) are confirmed (chrismated) at Baptism and are never confirmed again.
65. Parents of children with special (developmental) needs decide, in consultation with the pastor, when their child is ready to be confirmed.

### Confirmation Sponsors

66. **As far as possible, the person to be confirmed is to have ONE sponsor.** The sponsor's function is to take care that the person confirmed behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfils the duties inherent in this sacrament.
67. Sponsors are models of faith for a candidate. Therefore, **a sponsor for Confirmation is a Catholic who has already received Confirmation, is practicing his/her faith and is mature enough** (usually 16 years or older) **to carry out the role of sponsor.** A sponsor may be either male or female. **Parents cannot be sponsors for their own children** (*canons 874 and 893, § 1*).
68. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook the role at baptism (*canon 893*).
69. Candidates are confirmed with their Baptismal name(s). The law of the Church no longer requires that candidates choose an additional name.

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

### Minimum requirements to be met for your child to be eligible for Confirmation:

1. **Must be baptized Roman Catholic.**
2. **Must attend** class sections and scheduled learning events.
3. **Must attend** Sunday Mass at St. Jude's Parish regularly with parents.
4. **Must show** a cooperative attitude towards class work, homework, and other in class.
5. **Must show** satisfactory completion of assigned work.

**Return Completed Registration: Thursday September 17<sup>th</sup> 2026 by 6pm**

### Checklist:

Please bring photocopies of the documents requested ONLY.

Incomplete registrations will not be accepted.

If you are registering more than one child, please complete a separate registration form for each child and attach the certificates.

#### **For the candidate:**

- Completed Confirmation registration form.
- Signed Catechism contract.
- Photocopy of the child's birth certificate.
- Photocopy of the child's Baptism certificate.
- Photocopy of the child's First Communion certificate
- Fee (\$100) cash/cheque only

(The fee covers the cost of the program's materials and rental of the Confirmation gown).

#### **For the sponsor:**

- Completed sponsor's form.
- Photocopy of the sponsor's Confirmation certificate, and.
- Photocopy of the sponsor's Marriage certificate from a Roman Catholic Church if the sponsor is married.

**Orientation session: Tuesday September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2026, @ 7:00pm.**

Mandatory meeting, the candidate and at least one parent must attend.



# CATECHISM CONTRACT

Please read the Catechism Contract carefully. By signing the Catechism Contract you agree to its terms and conditions. We take this contract very seriously and we expect that you will live up to your commitment.

## PARENTS/GUARDIANS

By registering for this Confirmation Program at St. Jude's Parish, we agree to:

1. **Attend Sunday Mass weekly.**
2. Provide a photocopy of my child's Baptismal certificate. (or Original, if requested)
3. **Assure that my child attends each and every class and arrives on time!**
4. Make sure my child is dressed appropriately and modestly for class. I will be punctual in picking up the candidate after classes. The doors are locked 15 minutes after the classes have ended. Catechists are not responsible for students once they are dismissed at the end of class.
5. **Assist my child in selecting a suitable sponsor. The sponsor must be a practicing Catholic that has received Confirmation. Baptism sponsors are recommended. A sponsor must be at least 16 years of age or older on the day of Confirmation. Parents cannot serve as sponsors.**
6. Provide my child with the foundation of Catholic faith and assist the preparation process by ensuring that the candidate knows the basic prayers (Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be), the Apostle's Creed, and has an understanding of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
7. **After missing 3 Confirmation classes your child will be required to rejoin the program in the following year.**
8. The parish is not responsible for unruly and or inappropriate behavior of students. Any student conducting themselves in an inappropriate manner will be asked to leave the program.

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*Parent/Guardian Signature*

*Date*

## CANDIDATES:

By registering for the Confirmation Program, I agree to:

1. **Attend Sunday Mass every week.**
2. Attend all classes as scheduled, and arrive on time!
3. **Dress appropriately for all Confirmation program events including the Enrolment Mass, Confirmation classes, the retreat, Confirmation practice and ceremony.**
4. Complete all assignments at home, read the weekly unit and come prepared for the sessions.
5. Be attentive to the catechist's instructions and behave appropriately in class.
6. **Willingly and voluntarily attend classes and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**
7. While in the classroom, respect other students and what they have to say.
8. **Respect the church and its property. Leave the classrooms and hallways as I find them. Unruly and/ or inappropriate behavior will result in my being asked to leave the program.**
9. Call the parish office if illness will prevent me from attending a session. Leave a message if necessary.

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*Candidate Signature*

*Date*

\*The Catechism Contract must be turned in with completed registration package no later than **Thursday September 17th, 2026**

## **Sacrament of Confirmation**

### **CONFIRMATION SPONSORS** **IMPORTANT INFORMATION**

#### **Why do I need a sponsor?**

Our journey in faith in the Catholic Church is never taken alone. One of the people important to us in the process of becoming a fully initiated member of the community through Confirmation is our sponsor.

Throughout your life, you have received support from your family, friends, and other caring people. They feed and clothe you. They listen to you, offer guidance, assistance and comfort.

At Baptism, you entered the Church with support from parents and godparents. Speaking for you, they promised to raise you in the Catholic faith and watch out for you.

At Confirmation, however, you stand by yourself and renew those vows that were spoken for you at Baptism. The Church considers you old enough to assume this responsibility. BUT, a special person is still present -your Confirmation sponsor -who will stand with you and present you to the Bishop ( or Pastor, as the case may be). This person will be a support for you as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

The Church does not allow a parent to be a sponsor for his or her own child. However, a godparent can be a sponsor. And a man may serve as sponsor for a young woman and a woman may serve as sponsor for a young man.

#### **Who can be my sponsor?**

##### ***Your sponsor should be:***

- A person who is a practicing Catholic (**other than your parent**) and who has sufficient maturity for this role.
- Sponsor must be single or married in the Catholic Church
- A person who is a fully initiated Confirmed Catholic who lives a Christian way of life.
- A person who is at least sixteen years of age
- A person who takes an active interest in your faith life.
- A person who is prayerful, loving, and is comfortable sharing with a young person.
- A person who is free to attend meetings and spend time with you.
- A person you can relate to so that you can pray and discuss together.

#### **What will my sponsor do?**

Your sponsor serves you in three ways:

First, your sponsor serves as a role model for you in faith.

Secondly, your sponsor is a companion on your faith journey, supporting you in prayer and in your search for the Holy Spirit.

Finally, your sponsor witnesses for you and with you before the entire Church. Standing by you as you are confirmed, he or she proclaims by that gesture that you are ready and willing to accept the responsibilities and privileges of being a fully initiated member of the Catholic Christian community. He She will be your spiritual friend.

#### **WHAT WE NEED FROM YOUR SPONSOR:**

A copy of his her Confirmation Certificate (with visible stamp or seal).

The **Sponsor Affirmation Form** completed and signed by your sponsor.

# Confirmation Program – St. Jude’s Parish

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## Sponsor Information Form

Please write the name of the candidate/student you are sponsoring.

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

*This form is to be submitted with a copy of the Sponsor’s Confirmation Certificate and a copy of the Sponsor’s Marriage Certificate from the Catholic Church (if married).*

The Catholic Church requires the following of Sponsors/Godparents: (canon 874.1).

- You may choose one sponsor, either male or female
- Sponsors are to be at least sixteen years of age and must be Catholics who have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Communion.
- They should be leading a life in harmony with the faith, i.e., practicing Catholics (attending Sunday Mass regularly), and, if married, they must be married in the Catholic church.
- They may not be the father or mother of the one to be Confirmed.

### INFORMATION REGARDING THE SPONSOR

#### Sponsor’s Full Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
First Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Middle

\_\_\_\_\_  
Last Name

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Present Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Church

**Place of Baptism:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Church

**Place of Confirmation:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Church

*(If married)* **place of Marriage:** \_\_\_\_\_

Name and Address of the Church

*Please attach copies of the above certificates wherever applicable and submit all documentation with the students’ registration on Thursday September 17th, 2026 by 6pm*

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sponsor’s signature

**Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

#### Office Use Only:

**Received by:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Time:** \_\_\_\_\_