

Dear Parents,

I hope you and your families had a safe, restful, and blessed summer.

As we begin this new pastoral year, I encourage you to grow ever deeper in your faith and stronger in your vocation as Catholic parents. Parents are the first educators of their children in the faith. You have the beautiful and sacred responsibility of helping your children know, love, and follow Jesus Christ through prayer, Sunday Mass, the Sacraments, and the witness of your own lives. We are preparing young people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is not simply a milestone in religious education or a graduation from catechism. It is a Sacrament through which the baptized are strengthened by the Holy Spirit, more closely united to Christ and His Church, and equipped to live and witness to their faith.

As Scripture reminds us: “You will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses.” (Acts 1:8) We ask you to prayerfully discern whether your child is ready for this preparation and whether your family is prepared to make the commitment it requires.

Requirements for Confirmation

To register your child, the following requirements must be fulfilled:

- Attend Sunday Mass every week.
- Be in Grade 7 or higher.
- Complete the online registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Attend one mandatory information meeting:
 - **Saturday, October 24 at 10:00 a.m.**
 - **Wednesday, October 28 at 6:30 p.m.**
- Submit a photocopy of your child’s Baptismal Certificate and First Holy Communion certificate.
- Pay the \$70 fee, which covers the cost of program materials.
- Participate in all mandatory catechism classes.

Please complete the online registration before attending the information meeting. If you do not have copies of the required certificates, please contact the parish where the Sacraments were celebrated.

All catechism classes are mandatory. Sporting events, extracurricular activities, and similar commitments will not be accepted as reasons for absence. We ask families to prayerfully consider the priority that Confirmation and their child’s spiritual formation should have in their lives.

Our desire is not simply for your child to receive Confirmation, but to help your child grow in a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ, become more deeply rooted in His Church, and live as a courageous witness of the Gospel through the power of the Holy Spirit.

We look forward to accompanying you and your children during this important time of grace. May the Holy Spirit guide and strengthen your family, and may God bless you as you fulfill your vocation as parents and help your children grow in faith, hope, and love.

Sincerely,

Fr. Ricardo Mendoza

