

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI ROMAN CATHOLIC PARISH

October 2022

Dear Confirmandi and parents,

I hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving weekend! We are happy to embark upon this special year with you and your family, as you grow deeper, stronger and ever more faithful in your relationship with Jesus.

This year being in Grade 7/8, with the help of our sacramental team, will be preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation. We understand that some of you were not comfortable registering for the sacrament during your grade 7 year due to the pandemic. **Please remember that grade 7 is the first year but not the only year you can receive Confirmation and we do anticipate a higher number of grade 8 students registering in the fall.**

We invite you to take a moment to review the information listed below, to help you decide if you are ready to receive Confirmation this year, and are able to wholeheartedly commit to all that it entails. It is a decision that brings you to a point of spiritual maturity as you complete your sacraments of initiation in the Catholic Church.

If you choose to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please **pre-register** online at: www.stfrancis.ca or by scanning the QR code.



We have designated two **mandatory information meetings** for anyone interested in receiving the sacrament of Confirmation during the 2022-23 sacramental year. **Please ensure you have completed the online pre-registration form before attending the information meeting. You and your parents must attend one** of these meetings. If you are unsure if this is the right year for you to receive Confirmation, this meeting should prove useful in helping you with your decision. The meeting will provide you with detailed information regarding the sacramental program and celebration, as well as the opportunity to have answered any questions you may have. Please feel free to choose the meeting that best suits your family's schedule. **All meetings will take place in the Church.** The dates and times are as follows:

Thursday, November 10th at 6:00 p.m.

OR

Saturday, November 12th at 10:00 a.m.

Please note that due to the uncertainty of the pandemic, the sacramental preparation program may require adjustments as the year progresses. We thank you in advance for your patience and understanding.

Please consider the following points:

- **Attending the Sunday Mass is ESSENTIAL for Confirmation preparation.**
- **A completed Confirmation Pre-registration form, along with a copy of Confirmandi's Baptismal certificate, is required to complete the Confirmation registration process.** The original together with a photocopy of the Baptism certificate are to be presented at the information meeting in order to participate in the 2022-2023 Confirmation preparation program. **We will not be accepting registrations after November 12th, 2022.** If you have difficulty locating the Confirmandi's Baptismal certificate, please contact the Church where you were Baptized to get another copy. **Please note that if you were Baptized in the Catholic Church and are currently practising another faith, this program is not suitable for you at this time. If you are in need of Baptism or being received into the Roman Catholic Church, please indicate this on the registration form.**
- The cost to register for Confirmation is \$50, which covers the cost of the programme materials. Cash or Cheque is accepted as a form of payment. If paying by cheque, please make it payable to "St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church".
- Please note that our Parish policy in preparation for Confirmation is that **all catechism classes are mandatory. Exceptions for sporting events or extra-curricular activities will not be considered as valid purposes for missing preparation classes. Accumulated time for being late or logging off early for sports is not encouraged. It will be left up to the Confirmandi and their families to determine in good conscience which activity is more important to them.**

God bless you and we look forward to sharing this special time of preparation with you. See you at the meeting!

Sincerely,

Fr. Massimo Bulligieg