



September 6th, 2019

Dear Parents of Confirmation Candidates in grade 7 and 8,

Here we are back in the swing of things! My name is Bridget Corneil and I am the Parish Catechist for St. John the Divine Parish. I will be sharing in the journey towards Confirmation with you and your child.

We have changed the timing of Confirmation this year which means we will be having the formation sessions in the fall with **Confirmation being held at the Masses of December 7th and 8th.** We have also decided to open up the Sacrament to students in grade 7 this year. **So any student in grade 7 or 8 are welcome to receive the Sacrament.**

I know that family life moves at the speed of light and that it is really important to get crucial dates and information into calendars. In this package you will have everything you will need to register your child.

Below you will find all of the dates you need for Confirmation formation preparation. A vitally important part of Confirmation and our call to discipleship as followers of Christ is the sharing of our gifts and time with others.

Volunteer opportunities will be made available here at the parish or your candidate is invited to “think outside of the box” and volunteer outside of the school or their extra-curricular activities.

### **Information and Registration**

**Thursday September 26th from 7-8pm in the Parish Hall.(enter North side doors)**

The first time getting together is always an important time. At our gathering you will hand in the registration packages or complete the registration forms for your son or daughter.

Also, Father Don Pumputis our new Pastor will be there to speak with us about the Sacrament of Confirmation and your role as parents. This is also an excellent opportunity for all the Confirmation Candidates and families to meet. And, of course, it is an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about the Sacrament.

## **What you will need for registration night:**

1. Copy of Baptismal Certificate, Dates for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion
2. Registration fee of \$40 ( if payment is an issue please contact me privately)
3. Sponsor's name and contact information (note about Sponsors - they must be Confirmed Catholics, over the age of 16 and not a parent)

## **Dates for Confirmation Sessions :**

Session #1 - Friday October 18th -6:30 -8:30pm

Session #2 - Friday October 25 - 6:30-8:30pm

Session #3 - Friday November 22 - 6:30-8:30pm

Session #4 -Friday November 29 - 6:30 -8:30pm

**Ceremony of Commitment** - Weekend masses of October 19th and 20th - sign up sheets at Information evening or first session.

These sessions are vital to the formation for our Confirmation Candidates. Attendance is required for all the sessions.

**Confirmation Rehearsal will be on Wednesday December 4th at 7pm in the Church Hall for sponsors and the candidate.** If the sponsor is not able to attend the rehearsal a parent may stand in for the rehearsal. (Parents are welcome to stay for the rehearsal you may sit quietly in the back pews of the Church.

**Confirmation will be at all the Masses on the weekend of December 7 and 8th. Please make sure you choose your Mass on the attached registration form.** All candidates and Sponsors are to meet in the parish hall twenty minutes before mass.

Please feel free to contact me anytime at 519-471-7022 or [bcorneil@dol.ca](mailto:bcorneil@dol.ca)

God bless,

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