



**Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish.**

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**\*\*IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION PREPARATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION\*\***

August 2021

**Re: Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation / Year 2022-2023**

Dear Parent(s):

You are receiving this letter because you have a child who has entered **Grade 7** in the fall of 2022, and therefore, we wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some information about the Parish based, **Sacramental Preparation Program** for the sacrament of Confirmation next year for those entering Grade 7 in 2022. This year we will be returning to IN PERSON learning for our Sacramental Programming.

**Please note**, that the Sacrament of Confirmation are to be celebrated and received in the family's home parish (i.e. the parish where the family attends Sunday Mass).

Young people learn their faith first and foremost from their parents. It is in the home that they first learn about God and are introduced to the Christian way of life. This is considered the **initial preparation** for receiving the sacraments of Confirmation. Those who attend Catholic schools participate in religious education which is also part of this initial preparation, as is coming to Church to worship God, to celebrate the memorial of His Passion and Death, and thereby, thank God our Father for all His blessings, especially for the gift of His only son, Jesus.

**Sacramental Preparation** for the sacraments of Confirmation will be accomplished through a combined effort of the candidates themselves, their parents, school and Transfiguration of the Lord Parish:

**Role of Parents:**

The first role of parents is to help their child understand what is required in making the important commitment to deepen their relationship with God and His only begotten Son and receive the Holy Spirit through the Sacrament of Confirmation. Parents should help their child by encouraging them to remember that in Confirmation we receive the fullness of God's Spirit so as to be His disciples and witnesses in this world and to be able to participate more fully in the blessings of Heaven.

Furthermore, parents are responsible for helping their child discern if this is something they can commit to this year. If your son or daughter has commitments for the fall/winter seasons, such as recreational activities, vacation trips, family functions, etc. and therefore, they will not be able to fully commit and dedicate the required time to the program, they can defer receiving this sacrament until Grade 8 or high school.

**It is expected, of course, that you will commit to attending Mass each weekend with your family at one of our Mass times on Sunday morning.** It is the best opportunity for children to understand the parts of the Mass, and to see you leading by example is the most important lesson and gift you can give them. Once they are registered, the students will be required to **complete a Journal after each weekend mass** for the duration of the program. We will provide further information in the Fall as to how these will be submitted.

**Role of Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish – Program, Class and Confirmation Celebration Dates:**

Transfiguration of Our Lord Parish will be providing the **Sacramental Preparation Program**. The team established to lead this program will consist of several members of our parish community including our Youth Minister, parents, parish and student volunteers. There is a fee of \$50 per candidate for the program. A formal schedule and outlook on program contents will be provided to you in the Fall after registrations have closed.



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### Program and Ceremony Dates

This letter is intended to give you **an outlook** to make you aware of the time commitments for both your child and your family in connection with receiving these sacraments.

Classes will be held on a bi-weekly basis, on Tuesday evenings in the parish hall. Classes will begin at the end of October and will run until May. Within these classes the students are required to participate and engage with the content of the program. The students will also be required to participate in Sunday Mass. They will also be required to complete a journal entry after each Sunday Mass (which will be explained further at a later time). Our hope is to be able to reintroduce the Service Project component of this program, creating a new and safe way for students to complete this part of the program in the Spring. There will also be a Day Retreat at the end of the program for the candidate and their sponsor.

Once registrations have closed, we will compile a full detailed schedule of the program, at which time we will be able to share the final dates chosen for the celebration of the ceremony.

### **Volunteers**

Volunteering is a wonderful opportunity for you to share more deeply in this grace filled journey to Confirmation with your child. We encourage parents to consider volunteering to co-lead a group of young people for the sessions that will take place this year. Throughout the program, the students might view DVD segments related to the faith and the sacrament of Confirmation, learn and practice prayers, read thru, understand and teach principal stories of our faith. The volunteers then facilitate discussions in their small group about the material that is planned for each session. Many people who have volunteered with this program in the past have returned to assist in years when they don't have any children in the program because they found it to be such a rewarding experience.

You do not need to be an expert in Catechism to become a volunteer: you will be given a copy of the Leader's Guide, as well, our program coordinators are here to help and train you. You need only to be willing to engage with the youth and to do your best. You have a wealth of experiences that will benefit the youth in your group.

### **Requirements**

- One Training Session done online via Zoom
- Approximately a half an hour of preparation for each class to review material to be discussed
- One and a half hours on the day of each class

### **Conclusion**

We look forward to sharing with you in this God-given mission of leading our children to the Father through His Son in the Holy Spirit.

Yours Sincerely,

Fr. Carlos Sierra  
Pastor

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Schedule of PROPOSED Dates for Confirmation 2022/2023

<u>Event</u>	<u>Proposed Date</u>	<u>Explanation/Requirements</u>
<b>ONLINE REGISTRATION</b>	Sunday, September 4 <sup>th</sup> , 2022 until Sunday, October 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Child must have been baptized in the Roman Catholic faith (attach copy of baptismal certificate)</li> <li>Child must be entering grade 2</li> <li>Child/family must be attending Transfiguration of Our Lord Church on a regular basis</li> <li><b>Registration fee: \$50</b></li> </ul>
<b>Session #1</b>	November 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>First Reconciliation/First Holy Communion preparation sessions for all candidates.</li> <li>Attendance at all sessions is mandatory for students to be able to participate in the celebration of the sacrament</li> <li>Workbooks will be available once the program is set to begin.</li> <li>Students will be required to have a bible with them for weekly sessions.</li> </ul>
<b>Session #2</b>	November 15	
<b>Session #3</b>	November 29	
<b>Session #4</b>	December 13	
<b>Session #5</b>	January 17	
<b>Session #6</b>	January 31	
<b>Session #7</b>	February 14	
<b>Session #8</b>	February 28	
<b>Session #9</b>	March 14	
<b>Session #10</b>	March 28	
<b>Session #11</b>	April 11	
<b>Session #12</b>	April 25	
<b>Session #13</b>	May 9	
<b>Session #14</b>	May 23	
<b>RETREAT AND RECONCILIATION</b>	Wednesday, May 17, 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are required to attend this event once the date is picked prior to ceremony</li> </ul>
<b>CEREMONY</b>	Saturday, May 27, 2023	

**\*\* please note that all dates and events above are subject to change with the uncertainty of the current situation of COVID-19**



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## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

### PARISH INFORMATION

- I currently live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish
- I currently DO NOT live within the territorial boundaries of the Parish,  
but I am formally registered in the Parish
- I am a registered parishioner       I wish to register as a parishioner

### CANDIDATE INFORMATION

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NAME OF SCHOOL

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CHILD'S FIRST NAME

CHILD'S MIDDLE NAME

CHILD'S LAST NAME

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DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)

CITY/ COUNTRY

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DATE OF BAPTISM (DD/MM/YYYY)

CHURCH OF BAPTISM

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CHURCH OF BAPTISM ADDRESS

### PARENT INFORMATION

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MOTHER'S FIRST NAME

MOTHER'S MIDDLE NAME

MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME

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RELIGION

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PHONE NUMBER

EMAIL

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PRESENT ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, POSTAL CODE)

- I am a parent of, or have legal custody of the child





## CONFIRMATION Sponsor Form

**REQUIREMENT FOR SPONSORS:**

The Code of Canon Law establishes the following. Sponsors must:

- **Be at least 16 years old**, Baptized and Confirmed in the Catholic faith
- Be an active Catholic: "An active Catholic is one who attends Sunday and Holy Day Masses regularly and participated in the Sacramental life of the Church."
- **Not be a parent of the candidate**

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**CANDIDATE'S NAME**

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**CANDIDATE'S NAME OF SCHOOL**

**SPONSOR INFORMATION**

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**SPONSOR'S FIRST NAME**

**SPONSOR'S MIDDLE NAME**

**SPONSOR'S MAIDEN NAME**

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**DATE OF BIRTH (DD/MM/YYYY)**

**RELIGION**

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**PHONE NUMBER**

**EMAIL**

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**PRESENT ADDRESS (STREET, CITY, POSTAL CODE)**

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**REGISTERED PARISHIONER OF: (PLEASE PROVIDE PARISH NAME)**

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**PARISH OF BAPTISM**

**CITY/PROVINCE/COUNTRY**

**DATE**

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**PARISH OF CONFIRMATION**

**CITY/PROVINCE/COUNTRY**

**DATE**

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**WHAT IS YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CANDIDATE?**

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

The confirmation sponsor's role is one of a mentor in the Catholic faith. He/she will present the candidate to the Bishop on the day of confirmation, and in doing this, ensure that the candidate is fully prepared to not only receive the sacrament of Confirmation, but also live the Christian life. The sponsor should continue to support the candidate throughout their lives.