

Confirmation 2027

Registration Closes
Sept.24, 2026



St. Paul the Apostle Church

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Registration / info meeting is for PARENTS ONLY. Thursday, September 24, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.

Registration link - use QR code or <https://form.jotform.com/261686888996286>

Email Dave at dmckendrick@archtoronto.org for Reminders. Put "Confirmation 2027" in subject line.

provide: *Youth Name Year of Birth Male or Female Parent/Guardian Name Cell/Text*

Documents: *All Registration documents due at your first evening session (1. Alpha Youth - below)*

Includes 1. online registration by Sept. 24/26 and all documentation by the first session in January.

including **proper legal names** - including for sponsors and both parents on Baptism.

2. Baptism Certificate (or date of baptism if through St. Pauls Church/Immaculate Conception),

3. Sponsor's Confirmation Certificate, - required by first session

4. St. Paul's Family Registration form - if not registered with the parish, and

5. \$100 cash/cheque payable to "St. Paul the Apostle Church" in envelope provided.

Confirmation Program: consists of 6 learning (catechesis) sessions (Choose 645-9pm Weds. or Thurs.) below, plus one Saturday retreat (930am - 4pm) May 1st, as well as, the Enrolment Mass, regular weekly mass (signed passports), confession, and the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Sessions:

The youth candidate and minimum one parent must attend all 6 Confirmation Learning Sessions.

Maximum 40 youth per session first come basis by online registration date.

Presentation/Enrolment Mass: Candidates are presented to the congregation by their sponsor.

A parent may fill in, if the sponsor is unavailable.

Receive your Confirmation Cross to wear as a sign of your faith. Also to wear at your Confirmation Mass.

Congregation is asked to take a name of a candidate home and pray for them,

that they will be ready to receive the graces of Confirmation.

Confirmation Masses: On Saturday, will be celebrated by Father Norberto Eyule or the Bishop.

Sponsor and candidate are to gather in the Hall, at least 45 min. before mass for review.

Depending on numbers we may combine masses.

Mass Passports: Provided at Parent Meeting (replacements available on youth bulletin board).

Hand in signed portions completed at each Learning Session and final portion at Confessions.

6 Learning Sessions Catechesis Topics	Group A (max. 40) Wednesday 645pm-9pm	Group B (max. 40) Thursday 645pm-9pm
1. Alpha Youth	Jan. 6 Choose Enrolment mass	Jan. 7 Choose Enrolment mass
2. Alpha Youth	Jan. 20	Jan. 21
3. Alpha Youth	Feb. 17 Submit Saint Name Assignment	Feb. 18 Submit Saint Name Assignment
4. Alpha Youth	Mar. 3	Mar. 4
5. Eucharist/Mary	April 7	April 8
6. Holy Spirit/Confirmation	April 21	April 22
Presentation/ Enrolment Mass	Sat. January 23th or Sun. January 24th - choose at 1st Session above Max. 30/mass at St. Pauls, Max. 10 at Immaculate Conception	
Group A & B Youth Retreat	Saturday, May 1, 930am-4pm. Parent/sponsor optional at retreat	
Sponsor Practice	Arrive 3pm, Practice begins by 315pm. Parent may fill in for sponsor if needed	
Confessions Groups A and B	Wednesday, May 5, 6-7pm, if unable to attend, must make alternative arrangements with priest	
Confirmation Masses Possibly combined	Group A Sat., May 8, 1030am May get moved to 130pm	Group B Sat., May 8, 130pm

Confirmation at St. Paul the Apostle Church

What is Confirmation?

In the Sacrament of Confirmation the baptized Christian makes a formal and public declaration of the Catholic faith. The effect of the Sacrament is God's free gift of those graces which are needed to live the Christian commitment fully and joyfully. Baptism and Confirmation, as Sacraments of Initiation, lead to full and repeated participation in the Eucharist which is truly the "source and summit" of the Christian life. In the Archdiocese of Toronto, Confirmation is offered to children who are in at least Grade Seven. If the Candidate is not ready at this time to make a firm commitment to practice the Catholic faith, the Sacrament can be received at a later time.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions - Catechesis

The Candidate for Confirmation promises to take an *active* part in the preparation program, which consists mainly of a series of evening sessions and family activities. Each evening session includes catechesis and guided small-group discussion. In addition there is an all-day Saturday retreat. Since faith is lived within the family, our evening sessions are designed for family participation — at least one parent is required to take part in the sessions along with their child.

We strongly encourage all Candidates to also participate in our Monday EDGE youth program.

The Role of Parents and Sponsor

When these Candidates were baptized, their parents made a solemn promise to bring them up in the practice of the Catholic faith. In carrying out this obligation the parents are assisted by the Parish and the Catholic School. Parents, therefore, are expected to take an active part in the preparation for Confirmation as the principal educators of their own children, but also as members of the Parish helping other parents in fulfilling their obligations.

The Sponsor *must* be a practicing Catholic who has been Confirmed and is at least 16 years old. The Sponsor *cannot* be a parent and *preferably* not a brother or sister. The Sponsor *preferably* is your baptismal Godparent. The Sponsor should be someone who truly witnesses the Catholic faith and is willing to continue walking in faith with the candidate.

Regular Weekly Attendance at Sunday Mass

The Third Commandment is "Remember the Sabbath Day to keep it holy." Jesus in the Eucharist is the primary and indispensable source of the Christian life. The family of the Candidate is expected to make participation at Sunday Mass their priority.

*Candidates will receive an attendance mass passport to be stamped by Father or an usher at all Sunday masses, **beginning in October.***

If away, at a different church have the priest there, initial and note the name of the church.

Sunday Mass times are:

St. Paul the Apostle Church - 5pm Saturday Vigil or 1030am or 6pm Sunday, or

Immaculate Conception Church - 9am Sunday

Confirmation Mass

Candidates will be assigned to one of the Confirmation Masses. The seating capacity of the Church is limited, so the number of guests per family may be limited. For safety reasons, once the Church is full we cannot admit more people.

Thank you to our parish volunteers!

A tremendous amount of work goes into making our Confirmation Program possible: we thank our Youth Ministry Team and other parishioners who are so generous with their time and energy.

In Christ,
Fr. Norberto