

Confirmation 2023 Grades 7 & 8



St. Paul the Apostle Church

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Initial Registration / information meeting is for PARENTS ONLY.

Wednesday, October 19, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm.

Confirmation Program: consists of 4 learning sessions (645 - 830pm) listed below, plus one Saturday full day retreat (930 - 4pm) in April or May, as well as, the Commitment Mass, regular weekly mass, confession at least yearly, and the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Sessions:

The youth candidate and one parent must attend each Confirmation Session. Maximum 40 youth per session (and per Confirmation Mass).

Commitment/Presentation Mass: Candidates 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.

Congregation asked to take a name of a candidate and pray for them, that you will be ready to receive the graces of Confirmation.

Confirmation Masses: will likely be celebrated by Bishop Kirkpatrick.

Sponsor and candidate are to gather in the Hall, at least 30 min. before mass.

Maximum 6 guests per family, when full capacity permitted.

Subject to change for government restrictions at time of Confirmation.

Activity	Grade 7 Wednesday	Grade 8 Thursday
Salvation History	Nov. 16	Nov. 17
Eucharist	Jan. 18	Jan. 19
Mary/Service	Feb. 15	Feb. 16
Commitment/Presentation Masses	March 4/5 - Sign Up at 3rd Session (Max. 20/Mass)	March 4/5 - Sign Up at 3rd Session (Max. 20/Mass)
Saturday Retreat Sponsor Practice	March 4, 930am-4pm tent. (retreat may move to Mar 25)	
Holy Spirit/Gifts/Fruits	Mar. 22	Mar. 23
Saturday Retreat Sponsor Practice		April 1, 930am-4pm tent.
Confessions	April 13, 630-9pm, sign-up	April 13, 630-9pm, sign-up
Confirmation Mass	Sat., April 15, 1030am	Sat., April 15, 130pm

Sponsor Practice: at Saturday Retreat (3:15 – 4 pm)

If the Sponsor cannot attend, a parent must attend in their place.

For email updates on Confirmation and EDGE youth program send an email to

allistonlifeteen@gmail.com. Put "Confirmation" in the subject line & provide the following info:

Name of Youth Name of Parent/Guardian Year of Birth Gender (M or F)

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

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 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 card to be marked by Father at Sunday masses.

Confirmation Mass

Candidates will be assigned to one of the two Confirmation Masses. The seating capacity of the Church is limited, so the number of guests per family must be strictly 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