

Confirmation 2025

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St. Paul the Apostle Church

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Initial Registration / information meeting is for PARENTS ONLY.

Thursday, September 19, 6:45 pm to 8:00 pm. Registration form/link available at parent meeting. Email Dave at dmckendrick@archtoronto.org for Reminders. Put "Confirmation 2025" in subject line. provide: *Youth Name Year of Birth Male or Female Parent/Guardian Name Cell/Text*

Documents: *Full Registration documents due at your first evening session (1. Salvation History - below)*
Includes 1. completed registration form or online registration. No registrations after first session.

- including **proper legal names** - including for sponsors and both parents on Baptism
- 2. Baptism Certificate or date of baptism if through St. Paul the Apostle Church,
- 3. Sponsor's Confirmation Certificate,
- 4. St. Paul's Family Registration form - if not yet registered with the parish, and
- 5. \$100 cash or cheque payable to "St. Paul the Apostle Church" in envelope provided.

Confirmation Program: consists of 4 learning (catechesis) sessions (Choose 645-830pm Weds. or Thurs.) see below, plus one Saturday retreat (930am - 4pm) in April, as well as, the Presentation 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).

Presentation/Commitment 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.

4 Learning Sessions Topics	Group A (max. 40) Wednesday 645pm-830pm	Group B (max. 40) Thursday 645pm-830pm
1. Salvation History	Oct. 16	Oct. 17
2. Eucharist	Nov. 27	Nov. 28
3. Mary/Service	Jan. 15	Jan. 16
4. Holy Spirit/Gifts/Fruits	Feb. 19	Feb. 20

Presentation/ Commitment Mass	Sat. January 18th or Sun. January 19th - choose at 2nd Session above Max. 30/mass at St. Pauls, Max. 10 at Immaculate Conception	
Group A Retreat	Saturday, March 22, 930am-4pm.	
Group A Sponsor Practice	Arrive 3pm, Practice begins by 315pm. Parent may fill in for sponsor if needed	
Group B Retreat	Saturday March 29, 930am-4pm	
Group B Sponsor Practice	Arrive 3pm, Practice begins by 315pm. Parent may fill in for sponsor if needed	
Confessions Groups A and B	Thursday, May 8, 630-730pm, if unable to attend, must make other arrangements with priest	
Confirmation Masses	Group A Sat., May 24, 1030am	Group B Sat., May 24, 130pm

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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 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 passport to be marked by Father or an usher at Sunday masses. 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 must 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