



# Registration for North Bay Region Sacrament of Confirmation



Dear Parents/Guardians,

We invite you to register for the Sacrament of Confirmation - an important and holy time in the life of faith for your child and your family.

Our preparation program **will begin on September 26, 2024** and continue each week until we celebrate **the Sacrament of Confirmation on either November 1 or November 2**, depending on the parish church you belong to. We are grateful that Bishop Dowd has made himself available to preside at all of our Confirmation celebrations. **This program also includes a mandatory Retreat Day on Saturday, October 5.**

**What is the Sacrament of Confirmation?** Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and the Sacrament of Confirmation together constitute a fully initiated Christian life. At Confirmation, the gifts of the Holy Spirit are sacramentally conferred on the Candidate - and the Sacrament of Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace.

**Who can register?** We welcome all students in Grades 7, 8, 9 or 10 who have not already received the Sacrament of Confirmation. They should have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion. If this is not the case, please call your parish priest.

**How do I register?** Registration for **all Candidates from all parishes is only available online** at the same link, please visit: **[www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation)** - **there you will also find a complete list of dates and all the information you need as well.**

Please know that parents and sponsors also play an important role in the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There are **two sessions** in which parents and sponsors, if they have been chosen, are asked to attend as well.

**Registration Deadline: September 25, 2024**

**We look forward to journeying with your family as we prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation!**



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# Information about the Program

## WHO CAN REGISTER?

Students in Grade 7, 8, 9, 10 or older who have not received the Sacrament of Confirmation are invited to register. Candidates should have already received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Communion. If this is not the case, please contact your parish priest.



## WHO HAS TO ATTEND THE PREPARATION SESSIONS?

Our preparation sessions take place on Thursday evenings at Holy Name of Jesus Church. Each evening is designed to inspire, have fun, deepen faith and build new friendships. Each Session and Retreat Day **must be** attended by all Candidates for Confirmation. Those who are absent from our preparation sessions may be asked to postpone until the following year. Those who miss the Confirmation Retreat on October 5 will not be permitted to continue in the preparation program.

**\*Parents of the Candidate are required to attend Session 1 and Session 4 during the Preparation Period. If Sponsors have already been chosen by this point, they also should attend.**

## CHOOSING A SPONSOR

Every Candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation is asked to choose a "Sponsor" to journey with them in this process. Your sponsor should be a good example of someone who is actively living and practicing the Catholic Faith, attending Sunday Mass regularly, and involved in their parish community. This way, they can be the best example and support to you at this important time of your own faith journey. Before you choose a sponsor, there are some qualifications that are required to choose a legitimate sponsor. Your sponsor **MUST BE:** **1)** at least 16 years of age; **2)** has received the **Sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation** for themselves; **3)** in good standing with the Catholic Church; and **4)** has to provide proof of their Sacraments to the parish by requesting a recent record (within six months) of their Sacraments from the parish of their Baptism, that shows the date of their Baptism and date of their Confirmation.



## CHOOSING A CONFIRMATION SAINT

The long tradition of choosing a Confirmation Saint is to be able to choose a Saint that the Candidate feels a connection to, and asks for guidance from Heaven during this journey through the Sacrament of Confirmation. You can choose a Saint you relate to and admire, and ask them in your prayers to pray for you during this time. More direction on choosing a Saint name will be given during the Preparation Program.

## SUBMITTING NECESSARY DOCUMENTS FOR REGISTRATION

To register for the Sacrament of Confirmation, the following is necessary: **1)** **complete the Registration Form - available online only - at [www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation](http://www.holynamestalphonsus.com/confirmation)**; **2)** a copy of the Candidate's Baptism Certificate (unless you were baptized in the parish where you are registering for Confirmation); **3)** *when you have chosen a Sponsor for Confirmation*, they too must submit proof of their Baptism and Confirmation by requesting a recent record (within six months) of their Sacraments from the parish they were Baptized that will show the date of their Baptism and the date of their Confirmation.

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 25, 2024**



## ATTENDANCE AT MASS

Since you are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation, you are asked to make a renewed commitment to your life of faith, which includes attending Sunday Mass each Sunday as Catholics are required to do. Please familiarize yourself with the Sunday Mass times in your parish, and see if there are ways you can volunteer there too.

## THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

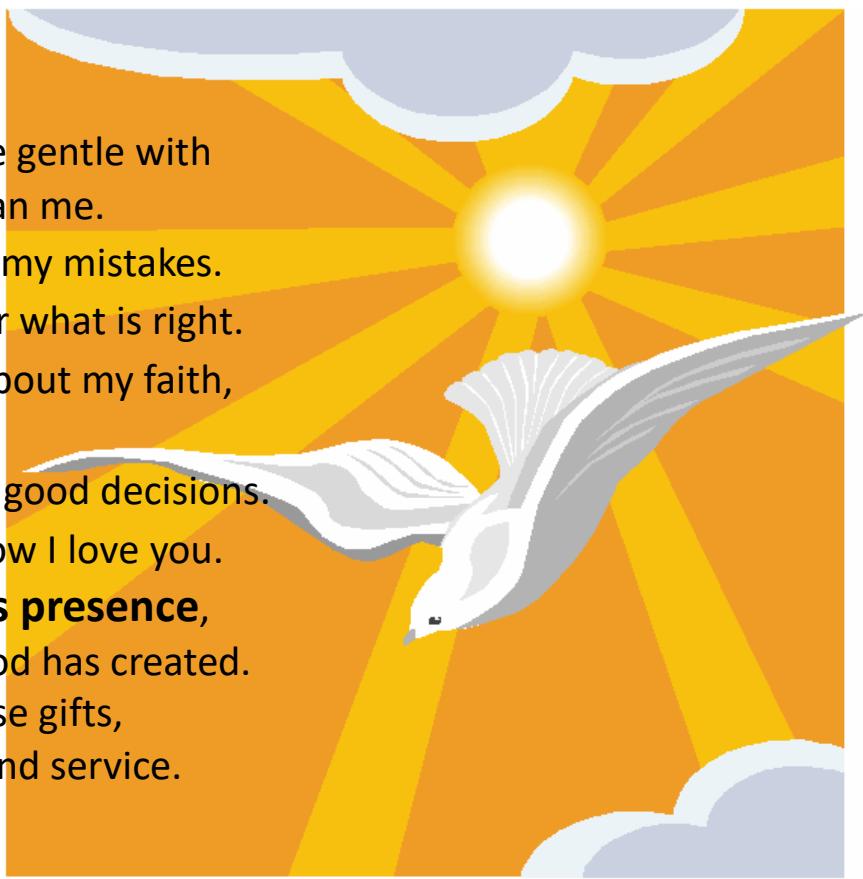
While our **preparation program** will be completed together as a region, the celebration of the actual Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in your own parish church. This means that Bishop Thomas Dowd will be present on Friday, November 1 at 7pm at Holy Name of Jesus Church; Saturday, November 2 at 10am at St. Peter the Apostle Church; and Saturday, November 2 at 1:30pm at the Pro-Cathedral. **You will celebrate at the parish where you are registered.**

Session	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Session #1 (Parents & Candidates to attend)*	Thursday, September 26	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	*PARENTS & SPONSORS TO ATTEND
Session #2	Thursday, October 3	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Confirmation Retreat	Saturday, October 5	9:00am - 9:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	Those who miss the Retreat, will not continue in program
Session #3	Thursday, October 10	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #4 (Parents & Candidates to attend)*	Thursday, October 17	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	*PARENTS & SPONSORS TO ATTEND
Session #5	Thursday, October 24	6:30pm - 8:30pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #6	**Wednesday, October 30**	6:30pm - 8:30pm	<u>**In the church you belong to**</u>	<u>Note date and location change</u>
Sacrament of Confirmation	Friday, November 1	7:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	You will attend the celebration at the church you belong to.
	Saturday, November 2	10:00am	St. Peter the Apostle	Bishop Thomas Dowd will preside at all of these celebrations.
	Saturday, November 2	1:30pm	Pro-Cathedral	

**Please record these dates in your calendars, or keep this schedule handy as a reminder of these important dates!**

# A Prayer to the Holy Spirit

Holy Spirit,  
Give me **understanding**, so I may be gentle with  
others who think differently than me.  
Give me **wisdom**, so I can learn from my mistakes.  
Give me **courage**, so I may stand up for what is right.  
Give me **knowledge**, so I may learn about my faith,  
my world and myself.  
Give me **right judgment**, so I can make good decisions.  
Give me **reverence**, so I may show how I love you.  
Give me **wonder and awe in God's presence**,  
so I may discover and respect all that God has created.  
Help me to use and develop these gifts,  
and like Jesus, be a person of love and service.  
Amen.



## Questions & More Information

This is a special time in the life of your child who will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, and for your whole family as well. If you have any questions or concerns that are not addressed in this registration package, we want you to be in contact with us. Please do not hesitate to phone your parish office, your parish priest or members of the Confirmation team. We look forward to the opportunity to accompany you and your family in this time of your faith journey.

