Confirmation Preparation 2017

Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption



Dear Pro-Cathedral Parents & Confirmation Candidates:

We wish to congratulate you on taking this big step in your faith journey. Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is a sacrament that continues the welcoming and the belonging that began with Baptism and which continues with the celebration of Eucharist. We hope that your Confirmation will be fulfilling and joyful.

Our Preparation Sessions will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This will be a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption.

A Regional Confirmation Information Night will be held on Wednesday, April 26 at 6:30 PM at St. Peter's Parish Hall. *This meeting is mandatory* as you will receive an overview of the preparation program. Candidates and parents are asked to attend this meeting. Sponsors are welcome to attend.

This year, once again our Confirmation program will be hosted by 'ROCC' (Rebuilding Our Catholic Church), a program run for the elementary school system to give children a 'retreat experience'. The program incorporates music, skits, talks, games and small group activities to engage children in their faith and provide them with an opportunity to experience Jesus in the sacraments and prayer. The program is run by YEO (Youth Evangelizing Others), a local Catholic youth group made up of high school, college and university students.

We are hoping our Confirmation preparation will not only prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but will be a fun experience, that will help build new friendships, spark different interests and present personal challenges.

Please be sure to provide an email address so that we can send an information package with full Retreat Weekend Details once we receive your registration form.

REMEMBER - PLEASE SEND BAPTISM CERTIFICATE WITH REGISTRATION FORM

SPECIAL NOTE

Please be sure to provide an email address so that we can send an information package with full Retreat Weekend Details once we receive your registration form.

Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist. If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, please call the parish office at 472-3970 as soon as possible.

Confirmation Preparation Schedule 2017

If you have any questions please call the parish office at 472-3970.

PLEASE KEEP THIS SCHEDULE FOR YOUR REFERENCE

Regional Confirmation Information Meeting ~ Wednesday – April 26, 2017 at 6:30 PM

This meeting is mandatory as you will receive an overview of how the preparation program works. Candidates, parents, and sponsors are asked to attend this meeting

Held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Confirmation Overnight Retreat ~ Saturday, Sunday ~ May 6 & 7, 2017

SATURDAY 9:00 AM to 11:00 PM

SUNDAY 8:00 AM to 12:00 NOON

Held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish

If parents choose not to have their child stay overnight, please ensure they are back at St. Peter's by 8:00 AM sharp on Sunday morning.

Call Colleen Hutson at 840-3400 if you have any questions or concerns regarding the retreat or if your child has special dietary requirements.

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

Held at St. Peter the Apostle Parish

Session One ~ 10 May 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Session Two ~ 17 May 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Session Three ~ 24 May 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Session Four - 31 May 2017 from 6:30 to 8:30 PM

Confirmation Practice ~ Wednesday - 07 June 2017

From 6:30 to 8:00 PM for Candidates, Parents and Sponsors

Held at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

SPECIAL ON-LINE COMPONENT TO MAKE YOUR CONFIRMATION MORE MEANINGFUL!

PLEASE VISIT WWW.SPIRITINYOU.CA

For the on-line portion of your Confirmation Preparation!

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

SATURDAY, 10 June 2017

at 10:00 AM

at Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

PRO-CATHEDRAL PARISHIONERS

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

Before Completing

Be sure that your family is registered and attending at the Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption

You must register through your own parish.



(Please Complete and Return to Pro-Cathedral Parish Office)

FULL Christian Name (Last, First & Middle Names)				
Full Mailing Address				
Gender		MALE ☐		FEMALE ☐
Date of Birth:	**Month**	**Day**	**Year**	**Place of Birth**
Church of Baptism				**Date of Baptism**
Complete Church Address *(Information required to send notification of Confirmation to Church of Baptism)*				

IF YOU WERE NOT BAPTIZED AT THE PRO-CATHEDRAL YOU MUST INCLUDE A PHOTOCOPY OF YOUR BAPTISM CERTIFICATE WITH THIS APPLICATION. THE ADDRESS OF THE CHURCH OF BAPTISM MUST BE INCLUDED.

School Attending	**Current Grade Level**
Confirmation Sponsor Name	***Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age, and a baptized and confirmed member of the Roman Catholic Church.***

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Mother's Name (with MAIDEN name provided)	*Email:* *Telephone:*
Father's Name	*Email:* *Telephone:*
Guardian's Name	*Email:* *Telephone:*

PLEASE NOTE THAT CONTACT INFORMATION IS VERY IMPORTANT

Allergies:

Special Needs:

PLEASE DOUBLE-CHECK THAT YOU HAVE PROVIDED ALL INFORMATION

Full Addresses & Email Addresses are important for Correspondence

Only submit this form if you have a baptismal certificate attached
so we do not have to chase it down at a later date!

Sharing in Your Child's Journey of Faith



Why do parents have to be involved in sacramental preparation programs? Isn't this preparation being done at school or in the home?

The preparation is done at school and in the home. Christian initiation, however, requires much more preparation. Full initiation into the mystery of Christ is about the making of a Christian! Today we recognize that initiation needs a partnership, with parents as the first and most important partners. Taking an active part in this process is your right and your dignity.

At your child's baptism, you promised to bring your child up in the faith. Passing on faith involves all your day-to-day relationships: your family priorities, your witness to the values of the gospel in spite of all the pressures on family life today.

Sacramental preparation programs offer you an opportunity to join with the parish in preparing and in celebrating your child's full initiation into the Christian life of your community.

Why is this taking place in the parish and not in the school?

The school or the classroom is not the community of faith into which your child is to be initiated. The community that worships every Sunday says "Come, join us at the table!" You and your family are invited to participate more deeply in the activity of that faith community. The school can do this only at a distance through its religious education program and by the witness of the community of teachers and students.

What are we expected to do at home?

You are invited to share your faith with your child in a simple way. Suggestions from the team will offer some ways of doing this. You may not feel comfortable with all the ideas, so feel free to choose, to adapt, to change so that it fits your family. As you progress, you may be pleasantly surprised at your child's readiness to take the initiative in preparing family rituals, leading prayer and reading the Bible.

Who decides when my child is ready?

You do, for you know your child best. You may, however, want to consult with your child's pastor or catechist. The child's desire should also be respected. In the process of preparation you may discover that your child does not really understand the sacrament. It would be well, in this case, to delay the celebration.

What are the "Gifts of the Spirit" that we receive at Confirmation?

Wisdom
The ability to see things as they truly are in an open-minded manner.

Understanding
A heart that accepts, cares, listens, understands, forgives.

Right Judgment
The ability to make good and wise decisions.

Courage
The strength to do what is right in spite of challenges.

Reverence
A deep respect for God, for others, and for all creation.

Wonder & Awe in God's Presence
A sense of the greatness and majesty of God coupled with a deep realization of His nearness.

Knowledge
With the gift of knowledge, we understand the meaning of God.