The Roman Catholic Parishes of North Bay

Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation 2021



Holy Name of Jesus
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Pastor:
Fr. Daniele Muscolino



Pro-Cathedral of the Assumption
480 McIntyre St. W.
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Priests:
Fr. Larry Rymes
Fr. Rex Lumine



St. Peter the Apostle
299 Airport Road
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St Peter the Apostle RC Church
Pastor:
Fr. Francis Ezenezi



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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?

Due to our limited capacity and restrictions, only the Candidates for Confirmation **must attend** the Confirmation Sessions. Parents and Sponsors should chat with the Candidate so that they are also understanding what they are learning at the Confirmation sessions.

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.



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. Even with current restrictions, best efforts should be made to attend Sunday Mass where you feel safe to do so.

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**; **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 29, 2021

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS DURING THIS TIME



With current restrictions in place, we will be doing our best to provide a safe environment for all in our Confirmation program. Due to the changing nature of our situation, we will follow all recommended precautions as required by health officials for the duration of our program.

THE CELEBRATION OF CONFIRMATION

While our preparation program will be completed together as a region —because of capacity restrictions, the celebration of the actual Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated in your own parish church. This means on **Saturday, October 30, there will be three different celebrations taking place in North Bay with our Bishop presiding. You will attend at the parish where you are registered.**

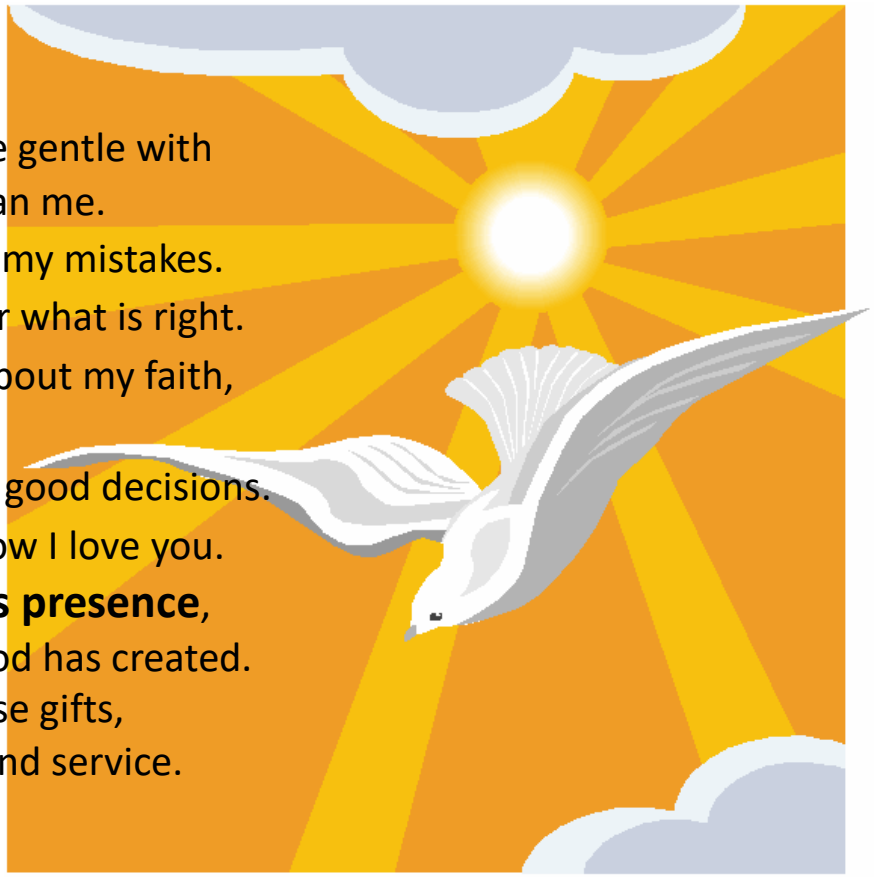
OUR PREPARATION SESSIONS

Will take place on Thursday evenings at Holy Name of Jesus during the EDGE Program. Each evening is designed to inspire, have fun, deepen our faith and build new friendships as we journey together in faith.

Session	Date	Time	Location	Notes
Session #1	**Thursday, September 30**	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Confirmation Retreat	**Saturday, October 2**	9:00am - 9:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #2	**Thursday, October 7**	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #3	**Thursday, October 14**	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #4	**Thursday, October 21**	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Session #5	**Thursday, October 28**	6:30pm - 8:00pm	Holy Name of Jesus Church	
Sacrament of Confirmation	**Saturday, October 30**	**10:30am** **1:00pm** **7:00pm**	**Holy Name of Jesus Church** **St. Peter the Apostle** **Pro-Cathedral**	You will attend the celebration at the church you belong to. **Bishop Thomas Dowd** will preside at all of these celebrations.

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.









Confirmation Preparation, 2019