



**Confirmation Preparation Program
2019**

St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica

A Letter to Confirmandi

Dear Young Catholic,

You are not a child anymore. As a sign of your growing maturity, the Church recognizes that you are now able to make your own fundamental choices regarding the eternal destiny of your soul. If we follow Him with our whole hearts, the Lord offers us eternal life.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is your opportunity to accept all the promises of the Lord Jesus and make a commitment to spend eternity with Him. If you say yes to Him, he will send the Holy Spirit upon you to give your soul the strength it needs to stand against the darkness that rules the world.

We, at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica, hope you will choose Christ to be the Lord of your life. We spend everyday working and praying that you will lead a good moral life and accept all that the Church offers in the sacraments.

If you are willing to take this step of being Confirmed in the Faith, we invite you to be prepared at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica to receive this sacrament. The program requires your full commitment to attend and participate at Holy Mass every Sunday, a Rite of Enrollment Ceremony, six sessions of two hours of instruction on either Saturday or Sunday and a retreat. Please see inside of this package for more details.

With sincere love and prayers,

Rev. Edward J. Curtis
Rector

Rev. Alexander MacDonald
Associate Pastor

Role of Family

The family has the greatest role in instilling human and Christian values. The family, like the Church, ought to be the place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. Parents have the primary responsibility to accompany their children in their journey of faith. The formation of children depends on the help, example, and influence of their parents. They not only give consent to the Christian process, they also promise to do their part in preparing their children for the Sacraments of Initiation. Parents are expected to have contact with their priests and catechists, to be present at all Sunday masses – especially at the Enrollment Mass and Confirmation Ceremony -- and to attest to their children's spiritual progress.



Confirmation Preparation Program Events and Requirements:

1. Must be registered parishioners of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica
2. Provide an updated copy of Baptismal Certificate
 - ❖ For children baptized in an Orthodox Rite Church or in an Eastern Rite Catholic Church, please check your child's baptismal certificate to verify if your child received Confirmation at baptism.
3. A recent photo
4. Online Registration (February 2 to March 10)

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5. Parent and Student Meeting (March 22, 6:30 PM at the Parish Atrium)
6. Enrollment Ceremony (March 30 during the 5:00 PM Mass or March 31 during the 12 Noon Mass)
7. Classes (Weekends of April 13 & 14, April 27 & 28 until May 25 & 26 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM) either Saturday and Sunday - not both
8. Retreat Day at Manresa Jesuit Spiritual Renewal Centre (May 31, Friday, from 8:00 AM to 4:00 PM to be facilitated by HopeStone Catholic Formation Inc.)
9. Class and Confession (either June 1 & 2, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM)
10. Rehearsals for the Ceremony (June 6 @ 2:00 PM the Crypt Chapel)
11. Confirmation Mass and Ceremony (June 9, during the 12 Noon Mass)
12. A Sponsor (See below for requirements)
13. A Fee of \$75.00 to cover the class and retreat expenses

Confirmation Sponsor:

- Must be at least 16 years of age by the time of the Confirmation ceremony
- Fully initiated into the **Catholic** Faith
 - ❖ Cannot be non-Catholic Christian, nor can they be from a non-Christian faith
- A model of faith for the candidate, practicing and in good standing with the Church
- Cannot be a parent of the candidate

Note:

We realize that scheduling of other events might conflict with Confirmation classes and ceremony, but all sessions are obligatory. Missed sessions will need to be made up.