



Confirmation Preparation Program 2021

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 your faith and soul. In your baptism, your parents and godparents passed down their faith to you and made promises on your behalf. Now, you are ready to own that faith and make those same baptismal promises. You can do all this in the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In the sacrament of Confirmation, you are going to publicly declare your commitment to your baptismal [promises](#) and thereby seal your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Simultaneously, you receive the gifts of the [Holy Spirit](#) to help you keep that commitment.

If you are willing to take this big step in your life, I would like to invite you to be prepared at St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The program requires your full commitment to attend and participate at Holy Mass every Sunday, six sessions of 90 minutes of catechetical instruction, and a day for a retreat/rehearsal. Please see the package for Confirmation preparation program for more details.

You are in my prayers,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'F. Portelli', with a large, stylized initial 'P'.

Rev. Frank Portelli
Rector

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 Confirmation Ceremony -- and to attest to their children's spiritual progress.



Confirmation Preparation Program Events and Requirements:

1. Families must be registered parishioners of St. Michael's Cathedral Basilica.
2. On-line Registration must be completed. The deadline is April 4, 2021.

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- ❖ Attach an updated copy of Baptismal Certificate and a recent photo.
3. Online Parents' Meeting on April 8, Thursday, 7:00 PM.
 4. Online classes with camera on:
 - ❖ Thursday Group: 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM (April 15, 22, & 29; May 6, 13, & 20)
 - ❖ Saturday Group: 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM (April 17 & 24; May 1, 8, 15, & 22)
 5. Retreat/Confessions/Rehearsals:
 - ❖ Thursday Group: May 25, Tuesday, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
 - ❖ Saturday Group: May 27, Thursday, from 4:30 PM to 7:30 PM
 6. A Sponsor (See below for requirements)
 7. A suggested donation of \$25.00 to cover the online faith resource subscription and other materials

Confirmation Sponsor:

- Must be at least 16 years of age by the time of the Confirmation ceremony
- Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith
 - ❖ Cannot be non-Catholic Christian, nor can he/she 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

Confirmation Days:

- ❖ **Thursday Group: May 29, Saturday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**
- ❖ **Saturday Group: June 5, Saturday, 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM**

Note: We realize that scheduling of other events might conflict with Confirmation classes and ceremony, but all sessions are obligatory.