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Confirmation 2026

Dear Young Catholic,

Greetings from St Michael's Cathedral Basilica. We are very excited to journey with you as you prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Holy Spirit will strengthen you to live the life God has called us to live which is to love God and our neighbor.

At your baptism, your parents and godparents passed down their faith to you and made promises on your behalf. Now, as you prepare for Confirmation, you are invited to make those promises your own and step forward in faith.

This is an exciting moment where you can take ownership of your faith journey and discover how your unique gifts can serve others and deepen your relationship with God. In the sacrament of Confirmation, you will renew your baptismal promises and, in doing so, seal your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. At the same time, you will receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, empowering you to live out this commitment with confidence and joy.

The Confirmation program requires full commitment, including attending Holy Mass every Sunday, participating in catechetical sessions, and a day for a retreat/rehearsal. Please see the Confirmation package for more details.

May God bless you
In Christ

Fr Edwin Gonsalves

Dear Parent(s), Guardian(s), and Family Members,

Greetings from St Michael's Cathedral. It is a joy to journey with you as you prepare your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We recognize the dedication, sacrifices and love that each family brings to strengthening the faith of your child. We are here to support you every step of the way.

The role of the family is truly essential in instilling both human and Christian values. Like the Church, the family is called to be a place where the Gospel is lived and shared, radiating the love of Jesus to all. Parents, guardians, and family members are encouraged to accompany their child throughout their faith journey, offering support, guidance, and example.

Your involvement is important—not only by maintaining contact with priests and catechists, but also by being present at all Sunday Masses, especially at the Confirmation ceremony, and by attesting to your child's spiritual progress. Given the many challenges you may experience, please be assured of our prayerful support. Together, let us support these young people as they take this meaningful step in their lives of faith.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Edw Gonsalves" with a stylized flourish at the end.

Fr Edwin Gonsalves
Rector

Confirmation Preparation Program Events and Requirements:

1. **On-line Registration with baptismal certificate.** The registration deadline is **Monday, November 5, 2025**.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)



2. **Parents' Meeting. Sunday, October 19, 2025**, at 1:15 PM, location Cathedral Atrium (parents/guardians will be informed if there are any changes).
 - ❖ Please bring a copy of you child's baptismal certificate as proof of authenticity.
3. **In-person Classes.** 2:00 PM to 3:30 PM in the Cathedral Atrium.
 - ❖ Option of attending one of two sessions: Group 1- Saturday OR Group 2 - Sunday.
 - We ask that students remain in one group the entire time, however some exceptions may occur, speak to the Lay Pastoral Associate if a transfer is needed.

Note: We realize that scheduling of other events might conflict with Confirmation classes and ceremony, but all sessions are mandatory. Please email the Lay Pastoral Associate, Chelsea for any major and foreseeable absences.

4. **Retreat/Confessions.** 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Atrium & Cathedral
 - ❖ **Saturday, May 23, 2026**

5. **Rehearsal(s).** More information will be forthcoming.

6. **A Sponsor.** Please have a sponsor chosen before registering your child. See details about sponsor requirements below.

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements:

- ❖ 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.

7. **An Administrative Fee** of \$40.00 to cover the materials for the sacramental preparation and ceremony.

SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Date: Saturday @ 2-3:30 p.m.	Date: Sunday @ 2-3:30 p.m.
1	Parent Information Session	Sunday, October 19, 2025	
2	Matters of the Heart	November 8, 2025	November 9, 2025
3	I Believe in God	November 15, 2025	November 15, 2025
4	In the Beginning	December 13, 2025	December 14, 2025
5	A Fallen World	December 20, 2025	December 20, 2025
6	The Steadfast Love of God	January 24, 2026	January 25, 2026
7	The Living Bread	January 31, 2026	January 31, 2026
8	Signed, Sealed, & Confirmed	February 28, 2026	March 1, 2026
9	Transformed by the Spirit	April 11, 2026	April 12, 2026
10	Gifts of the Spirit	May 2, 2026	May 3, 2026
11	Retreat	Saturday, May 23, 2026	
12	<i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i>	Sunday, May 24, 2026	

Please note that these dates avoid major holidays to the best of our ability and are usually every two weeks. Please note these dates in your calendars

MEETING SPACE INSTRUCTIONS:

Access to the Cathedral Atrium Meeting room is as follows:

1. Proceed to 65 Bond Street (Cathedral main entrance).
2. Rather than going inside the Cathedral, please find the black gate on the North side of the Cathedral courtyard (closest to the Choir school, by the accessibility ramp).
3. A security guard or volunteer will be there to open the gate and let you in through the Atrium Courtyard (otherwise please wait for someone to let you in).
4. Proceed straight through the gate and up the ramp to the double doors (again a volunteer will be present to let you into the Atrium meeting space).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

To ensure a safe and supportive learning environment, we ask parents to please contact Chelsea to make accommodations for students who request and need it.

Additionally, there will be a light snack provided at these sessions, so if your child has any allergies, please contact Chelsea with information on their dietary restrictions.

CONFIRMATION DATE:

❖ **Sunday, May 24, 2026**, at the 12-Noon Mass

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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