

St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster - Confirmation Registration Form

Dear Parents or Guardians please complete this form. Please include a photocopy of your child's Baptismal Certificate unless he/she was baptized at St. Ann's, Ancaster. No student will be accepted as a candidate for Confirmation until this form is returned with the information fully completed.

RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM AT THE PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT IN SEPTEMBER

PLEASE PRINT

Name of Candidate: _____

Address: _____

Postal Code: _____ Phone: _____

School _____ Teacher: _____

(If you are in the Parish Religion Program please indicate that in the "School" section and print Mr. Dayler for Teacher)

Father's Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____
(First) (Maiden Name)

To what parish do you belong? _____

Date of Baptism: _____
Month Day Year

Church of Baptism: _____

Address of Church: _____

City/Town Province Country

Postal Code

Name of Confirmation Sponsor _____
First Middle Initial Last

What name have you chosen for Confirmation? _____
(If no name has yet be chosen print "Not Yet Chosen")

If you belong to a parish other than St. Ann, have the bottom section filled out by your Parish Priest.
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I give my permission for _____ to be confirmed at St. Ann's Parish.

Signature of Pastor _____

Confirmation 2018/2019 - St. Ann's Parish, Ancaster, Ontario

Dear Parents or Guardians of our Grade Six Students:

During the next school year, beginning in September 2018, your son or daughter will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is the final Sacrament of Initiation into the Church. Preparation for the sacrament is a partnership between the family, the parish and the school. Your young people are already growing in faith and in responsibility for their own faith practice. Parents still have an important role in helping to model Christian faith, values and practice to their children. Parents should also help their son or daughter make a decision about Confirmation that is sincere and appropriate. In this letter please find some important information and dates for next year. I hope that this information is helpful to you.

Catholic Baptism

In order to be confirmed in the Catholic Church it is necessary to have been baptized in the Catholic Church, or to have been received into full communion with the Catholic Church. Any of our non-Catholic students will take part in all of the preparation done during school time, and are welcome to take part in the celebration of Confirmation. They would ask for the Bishop's blessing at the actual time of Confirmation.

Eastern Rite Catholics and Orthodox Students

Children baptized into the Eastern Rites of the Catholic Church, and in the Orthodox Churches are Confirmed (*Chrismated*) at Baptism. Confirmation, since it imparts sacramental character, is given only once in a lifetime, so they will not be confirmed again in grade seven. They will take part in all of the school preparation, and are most welcome to take part in the Confirmation celebration, during which they would ask the Bishop for a blessing.

Important Note to Parents of Non-Catholic Children

If you would like your child to be confirmed, and he/she is not already a baptized Catholic, please call me at the Parish Office immediately to arrange for baptism, or reception into the Roman Catholic Church, before the new school year begins. Please note that to baptize a child, or receive him/her into the Catholic Church, at least one parent must be a Catholic.

Students from other Parishes

We know that there are students in our schools who belong to parishes other than St. Ann's. Your child is welcome to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Ann's or you may choose to have your child receive this sacrament in your own parish. If you are from another parish please have a conversation with your own parish priest as soon as possible.

Candidates who do not attend our Parish Schools

Every year we have candidates who are not enrolled in one of our parish schools. These students are to attend our Parish Catechism Class to prepare for Confirmation. Classes are offered on Sunday mornings at 10:00. Candidates and their parents should attend either the 9:00am or 11:00am Mass as worshipping God in the midst of the Parish Community is an indispensable part of preparing to be fully initiated into the family of the Church.

Registration Form and Baptismal Certificate

At the beginning of September you will receive the Confirmation Registration Form, and further information, from your child's teacher. ***Please bring this form, fully completed, to the Confirmation Parent Meeting.*** It is important to note that no-one will be admitted as a candidate for Confirmation until this form has been returned fully completed, with a photo-copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate, unless your child was baptized at St. Ann's, Ancaster.

Confirmation Sponsors

All candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation are required to have a sponsor. Please help your child to choose their sponsor wisely. A sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic, who is sufficiently mature to carry out this role. Candidates are welcome to choose their godparents from Baptism if they wish. Parents may not sponsor their own child, but may stand in proxy for a sponsor who is unable to be present at the Confirmation ceremony. Please begin giving this choice some thought during the summer months.

Please mark your calendars with the following important dates

Confirmation Parents' Meetings - October 2018

Private, Public and Home School Children	Tuesday, October 9 at 7:30pm
Immaculate Conception & Holy Name of Mary	Wednesday, October 10 at 7:00pm
St. Ann's & St. Joachim's	Thursday, October 11 at 7:00pm

These meetings are mandatory! They are the only venue at which all of the information for the Sacrament of Confirmation will be disseminated. If you are unable to attend your scheduled time, please arrange with your child's grade seven teacher to attend another meeting. At least one parent or guardian of every candidate must be in attendance. ***All meetings take place at St. Ann's Church and Parish Hall. Please bring \$20.00 cash, or a cheque made out to St. Ann's Parish for the Confirmation Retreat and Gown Rental.***

Confirmation Retreat Days

All candidates for Confirmation are required to take part in a retreat day prior to Confirmation. These retreats will be held at St. Ann's Church during school hours. Lunch will be provided. Retreats will be held from 10:00am to 2:00pm on the following dates:

St. Ann's - Thurs. Dec. 13, 2018	St. Joachim's - Wed. Dec. 12, 2018
Immaculate Conception – Tues. Jan. 15, 2019	Holy Name of Mary – Wed. Jan. 16, 2019
Parish Catechism Class – Wed. Jan. 16, 2019	

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Immaculate Conception	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00pm
Holy Name of Mary	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00pm
Parish catechism Class	Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 7:00pm
St. Ann's School	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00pm
St. Joachim's School	Wednesday, February 6, 2019 at 7:00pm

All Confirmation Celebrations will take place at The Cathedral Basilica of Christ the King, 700 King Street West, Hamilton. Candidates and Sponsors must be in McNally Hall (basement of the Cathedral) not later than 6:15pm

If my staff or I can be of any assistance, please do not hesitate to call us at (905) 648-6874

***I am faithfully yours in Christ:
(The Very Reverend) Ian R. Duffy, VF, PP***

**St. Ann's Parish
Ancaster, Ontario**

**Parish Catechism Class
Catechism Dates for Confirmation 2019**

Dear Parents of our Confirmation Candidates:

Young people from St. Ann's parish who attend Private or Public Schools, or who are Home Schooled, come together to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation, and are known as our Parish Catechism Class. Catechism sessions to prepare for Confirmation will be held in the Parish Hall on Sunday mornings at 10:00. You are encouraged to come to either the 9:00am or the 11:00am Mass to worship with your child as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in Confirmation.

The Catechism sessions are mandatory and are very important. If for any reason you have to miss a session, please notify the Parish Office in advance, and know that it is your responsibility to prepare any missed lessons. The Parish Team will be happy to help you.

Catechism Lessons for the Sacrament of Confirmation are as follows:

Sunday, December 9, 2018	10:00am
Sunday, December 16, 2018	10:00am
<i>Christmas Break</i>	
Sunday, January 13, 2019	10:00am
Sunday, January 20, 2019	10:00am
Sunday, January 27, 2019	10:00am
Sunday, February 3, 2019	10:00am

Note: The rehearsal for Confirmation will take place at St. Ann's Church on Tuesday, February 5, 2019 at 10:00am

At the Parent Meeting on October 9 please bring cash or cheque in the amount of \$35.00. This is to cover the retreat, gown rental, and materials for Catechism Class.

