



REGISTRATION OF OUR GRADE 7 STUDENTS FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

OCTOBER 20, 2021

Dear Families of Holy Cross Parish,

It is that time of year when we begin to register our grade 7 students that desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation into the process! Normally we would host an evening meeting at the church in order to register and offer more information, but this year due to COVID restrictions we will conduct registrations online.

We plan to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation in May/June of 2022. No dates for these celebrations have been released yet as we take a 'wait and see' approach given the uncertainty of pandemic protocols. Once you have registered, we will communicate these further details via email.

The Sacrament will be conferred by the parish priest this year and not the bishop. Given the number of young men and women slated to receive the sacrament, and the possibility of COVID capacity restrictions remaining, it is just not possible for the bishop to be with us this year.

Your child's preparation for the reception of Confirmation will be done in their classrooms, and a series of short videos that we will send out from the parish.

For those that desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, here are your next steps:

1) [Please visit this website](http://holycrossrc.com/sacraments) for more information and to register your child (holycrossrc.com/sacraments). Please note that **you will be asked for your child's baptismal information** and if not baptised at Holy Cross, we will also ask for a copy of the baptismal certificate. Please note that we do not have this information even if it was provided at the child's 1st Communion – due to privacy legislation, we are not permitted to keep this data on file.

2) Begin the process of preparing for the Sacrament and thinking about a Christian role model you can ask to be your sponsor (the sponsor has to be a Catholic, and must be 16 years of age or older).

3) Unless pandemic restrictions ease significantly in the new year, we will be asking you to select a celebration date. Once initial registrations have been received, a set of dates will be released on *Eventbrite*, and you will receive e-mail notification at that time in order to register your child for one of the available time slots. This is a free service, but each family must register beforehand for a specific date so that we are able to make sure that we do not exceed our capacity limitations in the church.

4) If you are not comfortable with crowds at the time of the celebration, **that's okay**. We can make accommodations in the future once we find ourselves on the other side of this time of pandemic.

I know the circumstances are far from ideal, but we thank you for your patience, your understanding, and for your cooperation to help us make everything go as smoothly as possible. **We will ask you to please complete your registration by November 15th, 2021.**

God bless everyone, and we look forward to celebrating with you soon!

If you have any questions, please contact the parish office at holycrossgeorgetown@hamiltondiocese.com, myself by email at dwalter@hamilton-diocese.com, or by phone at (905) 873-1887.

Sincerely in Christ,

Fr. Dave

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