



Sacrament of Confirmation 2021-2022

*Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin this Fall for those in grade 7 and beyond who are **registered** parishioners in Saint Dominic Parish. Those who are not registered will need a letter of permission from their Pastor.*

The Information Meeting for the Parents and Candidates

To take place at 7:00pm in the Church

- **Tuesday January 11, 2021** – St. Nicholas School & Catechumens
- **Thursday January 13, 2021** – St. Dominic School

Registrations

All **registration forms** will be on the Parish website *beginning October 2021*:
(www.saintdominic.ca/sacraments)

- *A Copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate will be needed, Confirmandi will not be able to receive the sacrament without a copy of this certificate*
- *Registrations must be submitted to the Parish Office*

Celebration of Confirmation

Tentative dates scheduled from May 3 – 6.
These dates will be confirmed later in the year assessing the pandemic situation and protocols from the Diocese of Hamilton.

St. Dominic and St. James Parish may hold different dates, however, please be advised that you are to follow the direction upon which parish you are registered.

Service Projects

The gifts of the Holy Spirit are for the good of the community in Christian Service, therefore, the Candidate is asked to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation by doing a **Service Project** of **20 hours**.

- *Ideally: 5 hours at Home, 5 hours at School, 5 hours at Church, and 5 hours in the Community*
- *Some flexibility is allowed, if you do more hours in one area than another*
- *To keep track of hours – please submit a signed letter to your teachers, from the appropriate contact indicating the number of hours served and date(s).*

SUGGESTIONS FOR SERVICE PROJECTS & SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

The purpose of a service project is to show the candidate's desire to make a serious commitment to Christ and his Church by serving others generously. Most candidates considered the Service Project the best part of preparing for Confirmation.

The wonderful aspect about service is that the rewards are tremendous! When we serve, we love, and we become less self-centered, less focused on our own selfish wants. The more we serve, the more we love and eventually both become a way of life.

People who serve are joy-filled, peace-filled people, who, in their service, come to see the face of God in those they serve. We want you to discover the joy of service!

Parents, sponsors, teachers, and the Pastoral Team may help candidates to choose a realistic service project and to encourage the candidates to complete the service to which they commit themselves.

Home

- Honour your parents by offering to help any way you can! Babysitting, cleaning, etc.

School

- Teach, tutor or coach a team sport, hobby or favourite subject, reading buddy, school lunch day, help set up in auditorium for various activities, join School Choir.

Church

- Serve as an Usher or serve at events contact: Mary Evans at the Parish Office: 905-827-2373,
- Join Parish Youth Choir at the 9:00 a.m. Mass contact Dylan at: dylandcosta2010@gmail.com
- To volunteer in Youth Ministry contact: Michael Aguiar at: michael@saintdominic.ca or 905-827-2373, ext. 303

Community

- Rake leaves, cut grass or shovel snow, take out the garbage for the parish, neighbour or elderly person without getting paid
- Regularly telephone or write to an elderly or sick friend; to babysit for a neighbour without getting paid
- Make a weekly donation of food to a Foodbank or St. Vincent DePaul Society
- Help a sports team, raise funds for charity, contact www.oakvillegreen.org, Parade, etc.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

In preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- Attend Sunday Mass every week the best you are able
- Read from the Bible and reflect on the Word of God for your life - frequently
- Pray the Rosary or Stations of the Cross
- Invite people, who are not close friends, to become part of your circle of friends
- Pray for the needs of our world, especially in these times of uncertainty

SERVICE PROJECT RECORD

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Note: If you have any questions, please contact the Parish Office: 905-827-2373