



## Blessed Sacrament Parish

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

On behalf of the Parish Staff and the Blessed Sacrament Parish Community, it is my pleasure to invite you to register your son/daughter for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In **Confirmation**, your child will complete his/her initiation into our faith that was begun in Baptism. The parish and school programs will help to supplement the teaching and living of faith that you have been doing since the birth of your child. Confirmation is meant to be a *sealing of the faith that is already present in your child*.

We will host a meeting for all Parents/Guardians and Candidates. It is very important that you attend this meeting as the outline of the Confirmation program as well as dates, times and protocols for the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be given at this meeting.

### PARENT MEETINGS

SCHOOL	DATE & TIME
Blessed Sacrament	Tuesday, January 18, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
MSGR Haller	Wednesday, January 19, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
John Sweeney	Tuesday, January 25, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.
OLO Grace	Wednesday, February 2, 2022 @ 7:00 p.m.

If you wish to present your child for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please complete the following registration form and return it to Blessed Sacrament Parish by **January 14, 2022** along with the **\$25.00 registration fee**. It can be returned by mail, collection basket at Mass, at the Church office during office hours or in the rectory mailbox on the front porch of the house. \* Please note, only children who are pre-registered will have a package ready at the Parent Meeting so please get them in by the 14th of January.

Keep in mind that while your child's school will be helpful in preparing your child for Confirmation, the Sacrament will be administered at Blessed Sacrament Parish. ***Please do not assume that because your child is in grade 7, that he or she is automatically enrolled for the Sacrament.***

I pray that the coming months of preparation for the Sacrament will be a time of great grace and blessings for your child and your entire family. We look forward to seeing you at the Parent Meeting

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Lawrence Parent*

Rev. Lawrence Parent, Pastor

### Registration Check List:

- Confirmation Registration Form
- Confirmation Sponsor Registration Form
- Copy of Baptism Certificate – If your child was **NOT** baptized at Blessed Sacrament Parish
- Registration Fee of \$25.00

# Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit

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## *Confirmation Sponsors: Who to choose and why*

Dear Confirmation Candidate:

As you prepare for your Confirmation, You are required to choose one person to be your sponsor.

### **Criteria for selection of sponsors:**

**The sponsor must be:**

- At least 16 years old.
- Already confirmed in the Catholic Church.
- A Practicing Catholic.
- Candidates need to choose a sponsor who they feel comfortable talking to, as the sponsor will be responsible for leading the candidate through dialogue about their beliefs.
- Often the candidate chooses their Godparent to be their sponsor.
- Sponsors may be either sex, but it is important that the candidate be able to identify with the sponsor in terms of Christian living.
- Parents may ***NOT*** be sponsors.
- The sponsor is selected by you, the candidate.

**A SPONSOR at Confirmation witnesses the commitment to Christ that you are making. Your sponsor will accompany you as you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation. Your sponsor will present you to the Bishop and stand with you as you are anointed. Your Sponsor will journey with you beyond Confirmation.**

One image of a sponsor is that of a mentor. A mentor is a person who may coach you, encourages you; it is a person who has learned by experience to live the Christian life. Your sponsor, as mentor may give you advice, challenge you to try harder and encourage you to develop your gifts and talents.

Your sponsor will also lead you through a process of determining what you believe and where you are on your faith journey. This process is called DISCERNMENT. Discernment requires in-depth talks and sharing about your thoughts, fears and concerns about God, the Catholic Church and your own spirituality. Therefore, you must choose a sponsor that you feel comfortable speaking to in an honest and open fashion.

# CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

Please take the time to print clearly, print this page and attach a copy of your child's Baptism Certificate. You can email, Mail or drop off in the mail box at the church by: **January 14, 2022**

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

Student's Baptism Information \_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Baptism Religion/Rite

Church of Baptism Complete Mailing Address of Church of Baptism

School:  Our Lady of Grace  John Sweeney  Msgr. Haller  Blessed Sacrament

Other \_\_\_\_\_  
Name of School

Father's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last Religion/Rite

Mother's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
First Last (BEFORE marriage) Religion/Rite

Complete Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

City Postal Code

Phone Number Email

If your child's baptism was in a Church other than  
Blessed Sacrament Church, Kitchener  
a copy of the baptism certificate **MUST** accompany this application.

Signature of Parent/Guardian Date

For office use only Cash: \_\_\_ Cheque: \_\_\_ Cheque Number & Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Payment received: \_\_\_\_\_  
Baptism Certificate: \_\_\_\_\_ BSP Register #: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Registration: \_\_\_\_\_



"Because you are young is reason enough to love you."

St. John Bosco

## ***Confirmation Sponsor Registration***

**NAME OF STUDENT:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor is: (Please check one)

Male: \_\_\_\_\_

Female: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Confirmation Information:

Church of Sponsor's Confirmation

City/Province

Date of Sponsor's Confirmation

Religion/Rite

**Proxy's Name** (only needed if sponsor can't be present at Confirmation):

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