

# CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION PACKAGE



# 2024

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We are very happy that your child is preparing to receive Confirmation in 2024! Please take some time to fill out this registration package and mark all pertinent dates in your calendar. We suggest you simply detach the last page and stick it to your fridge for an easy reminder. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email Alan Lee Hoy at [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org)

## REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Fill out and submit the “**2024 Confirmation Registration Form**” at <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthy>.
2. Sign up and attend (in-person) a 20-minute “**Readiness Interview**” (Candidate & Parents) at <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthy> on either:
  - a. Sat Oct 14, 2023 between 9:00 am – 2:00 pm; or
  - b. Mon Oct 16, 2023 between 5:00 pm – 9:00 pm.
3. Attend **MANDATORY Parent Information Session** (PARENTS ONLY) on:
  - a. Mon Oct 23, 2023 from 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm in the Parish Hall
4. Complete and submit the following before Dec 16, 2023:
  - a. A copy of your **child's Baptismal Certificate** (in digital format and in **English**) and emailed to [ahoy@archtoronto.org](mailto:ahoy@archtoronto.org) (**\*\*if certificate is not in English it needs to be Officially Translated into English, no Google Translate\*\***)
  - b. **\$65** given to Alan Lee Hoy (paid by **cheque ONLY** made payable to “**St. Luke's Parish**” and include on **the Memo “2024 Confirmation – Your Child's Name”**; you will receive a receipt when submitted)
  - c. Sponsor to complete “**2024 Confirmation Sponsors Form**” at <https://linktr.ee/stlukesthy>
5. Materials needed for the Confirmation Prep Program:
  - a. Chosen Student Workbook
  - b. Bible (NRSV version either digital access or hard copy)
  - c. Catechism of the Catholic Church (either digital access or hard copy)
  - d. Pen or Pencil

## FAQ'S ABOUT CONFIRMATION

### WHAT IS CONFIRMATION?

Confirmation is an essential part of Christian initiation. The Bishop seals us with the gift of the Holy Spirit. This sacrament is intended to:

- root us more deeply as sons & daughters of God;
- incorporate us more firmly into Christ;
- strengthen our bond with the Church;
- associate us more closely with the mission of the Church; and
- strengthen us to bear witness to the Christian faith.



## WHAT IS A SPONSOR?

A **model of faith** for the candidate and must be a **fully initiated, practicing Catholic** in good standing under church laws. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be a godparent who undertook the role at Baptism.

The sponsor is to **work with the candidate for Confirmation** to ensure that he/she behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament. The sponsor must be:

1. **At least 16 years of age.**
2. They have been **fully initiated in the Catholic Church** (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation);
3. In **good standing with the Church** (e.g. has not married outside of the Catholic Church; not cohabiting; attends Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation) and is not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

## HOW TO CHOOSE A SPONSOR

1. **Pray to the Holy Spirit** and ask him to reveal who in your life might be able to serve as your sponsor;
2. **Consider your godparents**; if either of them is practicing their faith and willing, they are fantastic choices for your sponsor;
3. **Consider aunts, uncles, family friends who often share their faith and attend Mass regularly**, these adults who are **strong in their faith** will be able to lead you closer to God throughout your life;
4. Ensure that whichever person you choose meets all the requirements listed above (is 16 years or older, is fully initiated in the Roman Catholic Church, and regularly attends Sunday Mass).
5. If you and your family need help finding someone to serve as your sponsor, make sure they indicate this on the registration form and we will make sure you get one.



## WHY MUST I TAKE PART IN A PARISH-BASED PROGRAM WHEN I AM ATTENDING A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

The Catholic schools assist the parents and the parish with what is called "initial preparation" for the sacraments. Initial preparation deals primarily with content: What do we believe as Catholics?

"Immediate preparation," which takes place shortly before a Sacrament is celebrated is the responsibility of the parents and the parish. Immediate preparation leads the candidates to take a closer and more intimate look at their relationship with God and with the Church.

## WHAT HAPPENS IF I MISS A CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASS?

Enrolling in the Confirmation program means **commitment to taking part in all aspects of the preparation sessions and the retreat**. If you are sick or have some other serious conflict, contact the coordinator of the program to arrange to make up the session. Candidates who fail to participate without a valid reason may be required to withdraw from the program and delay receiving the sacrament of Confirmation to a later date.

© All above FAQ information taken directly from the Archdiocesan website, <https://www.archtoronto.org/our-catholic-faith/sacraments-and-sacramentals/confirmation>

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that students complete a certain degree of preparation in the school, home and Parish before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are the requirements outlined and explained.

1. Students must complete the Confirmation preparation classes offered by the Parish. The dates for these classes are listed on the Calendar attached to this package. If a student knows they will miss a class it is their job to do the work missed during that class.
2. Students must attend a one-day retreat offered by the Parish. The date for this retreat is listed on the Calendar attached to this package.



## 2024 CONFIRMATION PREP PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Please carefully read and mark the appropriate dates on your calendar.  
All events are in-person in the Parish Hall unless otherwise specified.

#	Date	Time	Session
	SAT 14-Oct-23	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	READINESS INTERVIEWS
	MON 16-Oct-23	5:00 PM - 9:00 PM	READINESS INTERVIEWS
	MON 23-Oct-23	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	INFORMATION SESSION (PARENTS ONLY)
	<b>SUN 5-Nov-23</b>	<b>10:30 AM or 12:00 PM</b>	<b>RITE OF ENROLLMENT OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES</b>
1	MON 6-Nov-23	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Why am I here? (An Introduction to Chosen)
2	MON 13-Nov-23	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	What makes me happy? (Discovering God as the Source)
3	MON 20-Nov-23	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	What's your story, God? (A Look at Salvation History)
<b>4*</b>	<b>MON 27-Nov-23</b>	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	How do I know God is real? (Understanding Divine Revelation) <b>**PARENT-CANDIDATE SESSION**</b>
5	MON 4-Dec-23	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Who is Jesus? (The Person and Mission of Christ)
<b>6*</b>	<b>MON 11-Dec-23</b>	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Why be Catholic? (Discovering the Church Jesus Founded) <b>**SPONSOR-CANDIDATE SESSION**</b>
	<b>SAT 16-Dec-23</b>	<b>9:00 AM - 4:30 PM</b>	<b>**RETREAT**</b>
	MON 25-Dec-23		BREAK
	MON 1-Jan-24		BREAK
	MON 8-Jan-24		BREAK
7	MON 15-Jan-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Where am I going? (A Look at the Four Last Things)
8	MON 22-Jan-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	How do I get there? (The Power and Purpose of the Sacraments)
9	MON 29-Jan-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	When did my journey begin? (Baptism, Your Initiation into God's Family)
10	MON 5-Feb-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Why tell my sins to a priest? (The Healing Power of Confession)
11	MON 12-Feb-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	How does God help when it hurts? (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering)
	MON 19-Feb-24		BREAK
12	MON 26-Feb-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Who is the Holy Spirit? (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity)
13	MON 4-Mar-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	What does the Holy Spirit do for me? (Gifts for the Journey)
	MON 11-Mar-24		BREAK
14	MON 18-Mar-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Why have I been chosen? (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation)
15	MON 25-Mar-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Why do I have to go to Mass? (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist)
	MON 1-Apr-24		BREAK
16	MON 8-Apr-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	What does it mean to say "I do"? (Marriage, a Sign of God's Love)
17	MON 15-Apr-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Who's calling? (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment)
18	MON 22-Apr-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Are you talking to me? (Getting to Know God Through Prayer)
19	MON 29-Apr-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Who is Mary? (Meeting the Mother of God - and Your Heavenly Family)
20	MON 6-May-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	What would Jesus do? (The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness)
21	MON 13-May-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Do I have what it takes? (Building Virtue - Your Spiritual Workout)
	MON 20-May-24		BREAK
23	MON 27-May-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	How do I build the kingdom? (Saying Yes to the Mission of Christ and His Church)
	28-31-May-24	VARIOUS TIMES	PRE-CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS
	MON 3-Jun-24	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM	REHEARSAL
	4-7-Jun-24	VARIOUS TIMES	PRE-CONFIRMATION INTERVIEWS
	<b>SAT 8-Jun-24</b>	<b>11:00 AM</b>	<b>***RITE OF CONFIRMATION***</b>
24	MON 10-Jun-24	6:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Where do I go from here? (The Journey Continues)

\*Candidates and parents must arrive 1 hour prior to Rite of Confirmation Mass to receive gowns and get seats.

\*\*\* Dates & Times subject to change. Notification of changes will be sent via email

### PARENT PROGRAM – ALPHA SESSIONS (MANDATORY)

**DATE:** Mondays, in the Winter (Jan – Apr) Alpha Sessions. Exact schedule dates to follow.

**TIME:** 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

**DURATION:** 11 Weeks, plus a one-day Retreat

**LOCATION:** Parish Hall