



September – 2019

Information Regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation

*Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin next 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 First Information Meeting for the Parents and Candidates

Wednesday, October 09, 2019

in our Parish Centre Auditorium at 7:00 p.m.

Registrations for Confirmation: *after the regularly scheduled Masses on Sat. October 19 after 5:00 p.m. or Sun. October 20 after 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Masses*

A Copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate and Registration Fee will be needed.

Service Project: *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 40 hours**. (Ideally: 10 hours at Home, 10 hours at School, 10 hours at Church, and 10 hours in the Community.)*

However, some flexibility is allowed, if you do more hours in one area than another.

To give you a head start over the summer, please find attached:

1. SUGGESTIONS FOR A SERVICE PROJECT *(Any service after June 30 counts)*

2. SERVICE PROJECT RECORD *(to keep track of hours - extra sheets available in Parish Office or in the vestibule leading to the auditorium on Bulletin Board wall)*

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

SUGGESTIONS FOR A SERVICE PROJECT **and SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT**

The wonderful aspect about service is that the rewards are tremendous! When we serve, we love and we become less self-centred, 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!

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.

SERVICE PROJECTS: Ideally: Home-10, School-10, Church-10, Community-10 hours

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: - may participate in a School Mass or Parish Family Mass with your class
- to serve as an Altar Server: contact Joseph Kingry at jkingry@gmail.com
- to serve as an Usher contact Donna O'Donnell at Parish Office: 905-827-2373,
- join Parish Youth Choir at the 9:00 a.m. Mass contact Dylan at dylandcosta2010@gmail.com
- to help Children's Liturgy at the 9:00 or 11:00 a.m. Mass contact Ginette at sbetts2@cogeco.ca
- to bake and bring cookies to Confirmation Session. (Sign up at next Confirmation meeting.)
- to help Social Committee: with Coat Distribution in October TBA; to serve at events such as: Pancake Supper - Mar.11, or Pasta Dinner, etc. contact Parish office before event.

Community: - rake leaves, cut grass or shovel snow, take out the garbage for a neighbour or elderly person without getting paid; to regularly visit or 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.

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.

SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT: in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

- to attend Sunday Mass every week the best you are able
- to read from the Bible and reflect on the Word of God for your life - frequently
 - to pray the Rosary or Stations of the Cross
 - to act as a peace maker among friends who are arguing
- to invite people, who are not close friends, to become part of your circle of friends
- to pray for the needs of our world, especially for those who live in war and poverty