



## ***Sacrament of Confirmation 2020-2021***

*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 Parish Hall*

- **Wednesday October 28, 2020** – St. Nicholas Students & Catechumens
- **Thursday October 29, 2020** – St. Dominic Students

### **Registrations**

All registrations are to be completed online on the Parish website:

([www.saintdominic.ca/sacraments](http://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 the Sacrament of Confirmation**

- **Wednesday March 24, 2021** – St. Nicholas Students and Catechumens
- **Thursday/Friday March 25/26, 2021** – St. Dominic Students

*St. Dominic and St. James Parish hold the same 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*

## **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 Altar Server: contact Joseph Kingry at [jkingry@gmail.com](mailto:jkingry@gmail.com)
- Serve as an Usher or serve at events 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](mailto:dylandcosta2010@gmail.com)
- To volunteer in Youth Ministry contact: Michael Aguiar at [michael@saintdominic.ca](mailto: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](http://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**

To keep track of hours – please submit a signed letter from the appropriate contact indicating the number of hours served and date(s).

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