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****IMPORTANT CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION INFORMATION****

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Dear Parent(s):

This letter is an important reminder of upcoming dates and registration information for this year's **Gr. 7 Confirmation program**. Please read through this entire letter carefully.

How To Complete The Registration Process

Step 1: Online Preliminary Registration

Beginning **Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 9 am through Tuesday, October 31, 2023 at midnight**, the Registration Form will be available on the Parish website at <https://stmarksst.archtoronto.org/en/sacraments/confirmation/> in the **Confirmation section which is under the Sacraments heading**. Please complete and submit this form (enter information as it appears on your child's Baptismal Certificate). Please make sure to indicate the order of your preferences for the Class Group via the online registration form. This will be assigned on a **first-come first-serve basis**. Once you click submit at the end of the online registration form, a message should appear on your screen indicating you have successfully registered your child.

Reminder: Acceptance into the program will not be secured until all required documents are submitted, payment is made for the materials, and the Catechetical Session is attended by one parent. If these steps are not completed, you will forfeit your spot secured during online registration.

Step 2: Registration Night & Parent's Session

To complete the registration process, one parent or legal guardian must attend the Parent Registration Night at St. Mark's Church on **Wednesday, November 8, 2023. Beginning at 7 pm, there will be a talk followed by the collection of Baptismal forms and offering for the Sacrament**. Handouts regarding the program will also be distributed. This evening is intended for parents only.

Please ensure you **bring the following** to the meeting:

- a) A **photocopy** of your child's official **Baptismal Certificate**.
- b) **Registration fee of \$130**, cheque preferred but cash is also accepted (payable to St. Mark's Church) to cover materials and administrative costs. Please let us know if the payment is an issue.

Step 3: Enrolment Ceremony

The Candidates are to attend an Enrolment Ceremony at one of the Masses on either of the following weekends: **November 18th or 19th and November 25th or 26th**. The Candidates will receive their blessed crosses and they will hand in their completed enrolment letter sharing why they want to be confirmed. (Parents will receive further instructions regarding this letter at the Parent Registration Night on November 8th).

For parents who have volunteered to be a small group leader for the Confirmation classes, there will be an in-person training session **on Thursday, January 11th at 6 pm**. The details will be sent to you by email.

I look forward to sharing with you in this God-given mission of leading our children to the Father through His Son in the Holy Spirit.

Sincerely,

Fr. Tad Walczyk
Pastor, St. Mark's Church

CONFIRMATION IMMEDIATE PREPARATION PROGRAM DATES

EVENT	DATE	EXPLANATION
Session #1	Wednesday January 17	Confirmation preparation sessions for all candidates. Classes to take place in-person in the parish hall. The candidates will be divided into two groups. Group A - Class Time 6:00 pm to 7:15 pm Group B – Class Time 7:45 pm to 9 pm * Parents will be asked to indicate their preference of Group A or B for their child’s weekly class time when filling in the online registration form. Groups will be assigned on a first come first serve basis based on the order in which we receive the online registrations.
Session #2	Wednesday January 24	
Session #3	Wednesday January 31	
Session #4	Wednesday February 7	
Session #5	Wednesday February 21	
Session #6	Wednesday February 28	
Session #7	Wednesday March 6	
Session #8	Wednesday April 3	
Session #9	Wednesday April 10	
Class Snow Dates (if needed):	March 20 and April 17	
Retreat Date	Saturday, April 27, 2024 <u>Group A</u> – 9 am to 12 pm <u>Group B</u> – 1 pm to 4 pm	Location: Parish Hall * The retreat is mandatory for all candidates.

CONFESSION DATES IN PREPARTION FOR THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

EXPLANATION
For candidates to effectively receive the sacrament of Confirmation, they must be in a State of Grace by going to confession before their ceremony. During each of the rehearsals listed below, each candidate will go to confession to either Fr. Tad or a visiting priest to ensure they are prepared to be Confirmed.

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AND CELEBRATION DATES

CLASS/TEACHER	CELEBRATION DATE AND TIME	REHEARSAL/CONFESSION DATE & TIME (Mandatory rehearsal to be attended by the Candidate only)
Mr. Benyamin & Mr. McBeth	Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 7, 2024 at 5 pm
Mr. McCusker & Mr. Crawford	Wednesday, May 15, 2024 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 14, 2024 at 5 pm
Ms. Whiton & Ms. Germani	Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 21, 2024 at 5 pm
Ms. Wiltshire & Mr. Hulshof	Wednesday, May 29, 2024 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 5 pm

Note:

Parents of children who attend public or private schools will be contacted by email with the date of their child’s celebration and class group after they have attended the in-person registration night on November 8th.