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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 8, 2024 at 9 am through Tuesday, October 22, 2024 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, October 30, 2024. 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 9th or 10th and November 16th or 17th**. 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 October 30th).

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 9th 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 15	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 22	
Session #3	Wednesday January 29	
Session #4	Wednesday February 5	
Session #5	Wednesday February 12	
Session #6	Wednesday February 19	
Session #7	Wednesday February 26	
Session #8	Wednesday March 26	
Session #9	Wednesday April 2	
Session #10	Wednesday April 9	
Class Snow Dates	March 19 and April 23	
Retreat Date	Saturday, April 26, 2025 <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)
Wiltshire / Norton	Wednesday, May 7, 2025 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 6, 2025 at 5 pm
Hulshof / Minicillo	Wednesday, May 14, 2025 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 5 pm
Benyamin / Mastromartino	Wednesday, May 21, 2025 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 20, 2025 at 5 pm
Garabaldi / Haas	Wednesday, May 28, 2025 at 7 pm	Tuesday, May 27, 2025 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 October 30th.