

Confirmation Grade 7 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians, Teachers and Students,

As we prepare for Confirmation in our parish for those in grade seven, I have prepared this information video which will take the place of a regular Parent Meeting. This is necessary due to Covid regulations. We will be providing registration forms to all of our schools. Simply fill it in and return to the school with a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Below is some information about these celebrations.

First, we have scheduled two Confirmation celebrations per each school to allow for social distancing required in the church. Dates for these are available from the school and also on our parish web site. Each candidate will be seated in centre of a row, their sponsor beside them and you can have a maximum of 7 others sitting in that row with them. You decide who they will be. No one else will be able to attend the celebration. Our music directors will be providing the music, as no choirs are allowed at this time.

During the celebration everyone is required by law to be wearing a mask as you are all used to at this time inside. Bishop Crosby has given Pastors permission to Confirm this year as there will be too many for him to do them all in the Diocese. Myself and our new Associate Pastor, Fr. Paul Patrick will anoint the candidates in two rows at the front. Diocesan policy says these celebrations should be in context of a Liturgy of the Word with no Mass.

It will not be possible to have any group photos at this time. But, we will arrange some procedure to allow each candidate to come to the front of the church after the celebration to have a photo on their sponsor, with their family, and with the priests if you wish.

Dress is the usual Sunday best.

We will try to arrange some way of visiting and speaking with the candidates at the schools before these celebrations. Though things will be a bit different under these circumstances, we hope it will be a joyful celebration for them and all of you.

I thank you for your understanding and for the support of our grade 7 teachers and principals.

If things have changed in the New Year in terms of regulations, we will make adjustments as required.

We look forward to these celebrations, if you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact us at any time.

God bless,
Fr. Mark