

St. Philip Church & St. Clare Mission

127 Burke St., PO Box 59

Richmond, Ontario KOA 2Z0

613-838-2314



Dear Parents & Guardians of Grade 6 Students,

On Wednesday, September 27, 2017, we will be hosting an 'Information and Registration Night' for those wishing Confirmation for their children. This brief meeting will be at St Philip's Church (Hall) from 7:30-8 pm. If you would like your child to receive the sacrament of Confirmation this year, it is important that you attend this meeting.

We will need some documentation from you in order to register your child. Please bring:

- 1) a copy of their Baptismal certificate
- 2) the completed 'Registration Form' (attached)
- 3) the completed 'Sponsor Form' (attached)
- 4) a cheque payable to St Philip Church in the amount of \$45. (this pays for the materials provided for the sacramental preparation [books, pins, etc]...there is no cost for the sacrament)
- 5) A wallet size photo of your child (optional) – this will be put on a banner in the church, reminding our parishioners to pray for the children preparing for Confirmation.

Dates to Remember:

The full list of required dates is on page 2 of this document. Please put them on your calendar now as we cannot offer alternate dates.

If you have any questions, please give the parish office a call at 613-838-2314.

Sincerely,

Fr Poole and the Sacramental Team

~Please see Page 2 for important dates~

Sacrament of Confirmation 2017-2018

Please Save These Dates!

Dear Parents / Guardians of Grade 6 students,

This school year, those Catholic students who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation will be welcomed to do so. We have set out our calendar of dates early, and we present it to you below. We have done this so that you may plan ahead to ensure that you and your child are available for all the dates – including the introductory meeting, the Enrollment Mass, the preparation workshop and the date of the celebration of the Sacrament. Students need to attend all the preparation dates in order to be well prepared for these sacraments.

Wednesday September 27, 2017, 7:30-8pm, St Philip Parish Hall

- Information meeting. Parents will need to bring a photocopy of the student's baptismal certificate, First Communion Certificate (if possible) and First Reconciliation Certificate (if possible) and the completed registration forms (attached). Note: if parents have questions or concerns about the baptismal certificates of their children, they should call the parish of baptism now (as these requests take some time).

Thursday October 5, 2017

- Final deadline for the return of baptismal certificates and forms (submit these to the parish office)

Sunday November 19, 2017 (10:30am Mass), or Saturday November 18 (4:30pm Mass) St Philips Church

- Gr 6 Enrollment / Welcome Mass for Confirmation candidates and their parents (family welcome too)

Friday May 4, 2018, 9:30-3:30pm, St Philip Parish Hall

- Confirmation retreat (students only, this is during the school day). More information to follow.

Sacrament of Confirmation: HOLD ALL THESE DATES

Thursday evenings May 17th, May 24, and May 31 (2018), 6pm or later, St Philip Church

- All confirmations will be done on one night (only one date will be offered). We are trying to confirm one of these evenings with the Diocese, but we probably will not know for sure until January 2018. We will communicate with parents as soon as we know the firm date. Parents are asked to hold **all** these dates now, until we know for certain.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact: Anita DiPaolo (613-838-4358)
or the parish office (613-838-2314).

Blessings,

Fr Bob Poole
and the St Philip Church Sacramental Team

~Please see Page 1 for More Important Information~

Registration Form - Sacrament of Confirmation 2017-2018
St Philip School and St Philip Catholic Parish, Richmond

Please complete in full using BLOCK CAPITAL LETTERS and return at the Information Meeting (Wednesday September 27th, 7:30 pm at St Philip Church Hall), **with a copy of the Baptismal Certificate attached**. Thanks.

Candidate information:

Last Name: _____ Phone Number: _____
First Name: _____ Middle Names: _____
Street Address: _____ City: _____ Postal Code: _____

Candidate Baptismal Information: *All Information must be provided*

Baptized in the Roman Catholic Church? Circle: YES or NO (Baptismal certificate MUST be attached)

Name of Church of Baptism: _____

Church Street Address: _____ City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____

Date of Baptism: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Candidate age on September 1, 2017: _____

Has Candidate received First Reconciliation (Confession)? YES or NO First Communion? YES or NO

Parent Information:

Father: First Name: _____ Last Name: _____ Phone: _____
Father's Email: _____ Cell: _____

Mother: First Name: _____ Maiden Name: _____ Phone: _____
Mother's Email: _____ Cell: _____

Sponsor Information:

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Street Address: _____ City/Prov: _____ Postal Code: _____
Sponsor's Email: _____

For Parish Use:

Dear Pastor and Office Administrator at the Church of Baptism:

Please add this information to the Baptismal record of the candidate named above. Thank you.

Parish of Confirmation: St Philip Parish, POBox 59, Richmond, On, K0A2Z0 613-838-2314

City / Town of Confirmation: Richmond, Ontario

Date of Confirmation:

Bishop or Minister of Confirmation: His Grace Archbishop T. Prendergast, SJ, Archbishop of Ottawa
Most Rev. Christian Riesbeck, CC, V.G. Auxiliary Bishop of Ottawa

Authorized Signature: _____

SPONSORS



Sponsors

The sponsor for your child is to assist your child to live an active Catholic life before and after the celebration of Confirmation. The sponsor also presents the candidate to the bishop at the celebration of Confirmation. It should be someone that your child trusts and respects and is a good role model of a committed practicing Catholic.

The recommended sponsor for your child at Confirmation is one of your child's godparents. A godparent best supports the link of Confirmation to Baptism but as well this person most likely already has a special relationship with your child. However, it is not always possible or desirable to select a godparent so another person may be chosen as your child's sponsor for Confirmation.

A sponsor must have completed full initiation into the Roman Catholic Church through the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist and should be regularly participating in Sunday Eucharist. Sponsors should be at least sixteen years of age and cannot be the parent of the candidate. The sponsor may be male or female and need not be the same sex as the candidate.

Sponsors fulfill their roles by supporting the parents and the candidates as they prepare for full initiation into the Church. Participation in the Confirmation celebration is only a small part of the duty of a sponsor. The relationship of the sponsor and candidate should continue long after the day of Confirmation.

You and your child should discuss together about who should take on the role of sponsor. It is best if the sponsor is able to be at the Confirmation celebration but someone else (even the parent) may stand in for the sponsor if they are unable to attend.

The requirements of the Catholic Church say that a sponsor:

- may be either a man or a woman. (Sponsors do not have to be the same sex as the candidate.)
- must be a fully initiated Roman Catholic (Baptized, Confirmed and has made First Communion.)
- is a person who regularly comes to Sunday Mass and celebrates the sacraments.
- must be at least 16 years old.
- may not be the parent of the candidate.

.... Sponsors please fill out Page 5 (Sponsor Agreement Form)

St. Philip's Church/St. Clare's Mission

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Sponsor Agreement and Information Form – 2017-2018

Candidate Name: _____

Sponsor Name: _____

Address: _____

City / Prov / Postal Code: _____

Phone: (Home) _____ (Work) _____ (Cell) _____

Email: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Place of Birth: _____

Sponsor's Parish: _____

I am Roman Catholic YES NO

I declare that I am living consistent with the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church and that I will be a long-term spiritual guide and mentor for my candidate.

Sponsor's signature (or proxy signature from the parent)

Sponsor's Email

Sponsor's Phone

Date

.... Please see Page 4 for Full Details about Being a Confirmation Sponsor

Choosing a Confirmation (Saint) Name

We encourage parents to start talking now with your child now about the Confirmation Name they will choose.

***This does not have to be decided by the September 27th information night – but we will ask you for it early in the new year.**

A name identifies you in a unique way, not just your physical self, but who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name. You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history. You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be.

It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life. Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says "Yahweh calls each of us by name."



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