

September 26, 2024

Hello parents,

Thank you for attending our information session yesterday evening. We are sending this email to provide further details regarding registration, and to highlight key information from the meeting of September 25, 2024:

Who can receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Philip Parish?

The Sacrament of Confirmation is offered at St. Philip Parish to children who:

- are in grade 6 or higher in the 2024-2025 school year, and
- have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion and First Reconciliation, and
- meets one of the following:
 - o attends St. Philip Church in Richmond, or St. Clare's Mission in Dwyer Hill;
 - o attends St. Philip Catholic School; or
 - o lives in Richmond.

If your family doesn't fall within this criteria, please contact the Parish Office at welcomehome1819@gmail.com for more information.

Registration – Due by Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm

Please complete the [Registration Form](#) by Friday, October 4th at 5:00pm. We regret that we cannot extend this deadline as we must order supplies in time for the start of the program.

You will be asked to upload the following on the Google Registration Form:

- Copy of the child's baptismal certificate
- Picture of your child (optional, more details about this on the form)

Choosing A Sponsor – email our office at welcomehome1819@gmail.com for more information on Choosing a Sponsor

Sponsor Form – Due by Friday, October 6th at 5:00pm

Once you have decided on your Sponsor, please share the **link to the [Confirmation Sponsor Form](#)** with your child's sponsor and ask them to complete the form by Friday, October 4, 2024. Sponsors should ideally be able to attend the Confirmation ... so please advise Sponsors of the dates. Sponsors are also welcome (but not required) to attend the Welcome Mass on October 26th or 27th. For more information about how to choose a sponsor, see the attached document "Choosing a Sponsor".

Payment for Supplies – Due by Friday, October 6th at 5:00pm

The \$45 fee is for books and supplies. We respectfully ask you to pay this in one of two ways:

a) by eTransfer (Preferred method) - eTransfers can be made by sending payment through your bank to our email address (welcomhome1819@gmail.com). The parish uses automatic deposit, so no security question is required. On the "Message" line, please write 'your child's full name / Confirmation supplies fee'

b) by cheque - Please write the cheque to St. Philip Parish and mail to our office (127 Burke St., P.O. Box 59, Richmond, Ontario, K0A 2Z0). On the memo line, please write 'child's name / Confirmation supplies fee.' *Please note that our office is open for on-site service one day per week (Wednesdays from 9am to 1:30pm) so in-person drop-off times are limited. Payments of cheques are preferred by mail.

Enrolment Masses – Weekend of October 26 and 27

Children are asked to attend one of two enrollment masses at St Philip Church, which are scheduled for Saturday, October 26th at 4:30pm and Sunday, October 27th at 10:30am. You will be able to choose your preferred Mass when filling out the Registration form.

At these Welcome Masses, the children are introduced to the parish community. The community will continue to pray for the children throughout their sacramental preparation.

Choosing a 'Saint Name' (email our office at welcomehome1819@gmail.com for more information on Choosing a Saint Name)

Start thinking now of a Saint who inspires you! Maybe do a little reading to check out a few saints. You will be asked to put the name of your chosen saint on your Confirmation stole (in the Spring you will make a Confirmation stole with kits that we will provide). More information will be shared at the enrollment masses.

Confirmation Retreat with NET Ministries – Wednesday, January 15, 2025

We are excited to have NET Ministries leading our Confirmation retreat once again. The retreat will take place during the school day on Wednesday, January 15, 2025, from 9:30am to 3:30pm (during the school day).

For children that attend St. Philip School, you will arrive at school as usual, where attendance will be taken, then they will head over to the Parish Hall. For non-St. Philip students, we ask that your child be excused from school for the day and be dropped off/picked up directly at the Parish Hall. More information will be available closer to the date.

Confirmation Masses – possible dates

The Archbishop's office will finalize the actual dates for the Confirmation masses with Father Poole early in the New Year, which will be shared with families as soon as we have been informed. We expect that the masses will be held on a Friday and Saturday evening at 7:00pm, in May. For now, **please hold ALL of the following 2025 dates** in your calendar:

- Friday, May 23, 2025 at 7pm
- Saturday May 24, 2025 at 7pm
- Friday May 30, 2025 at 7pm
- Saturday, May 31, 2025 at 7pm
- Friday June 6, 2025 at 7pm
- Saturday June 7, 2025 at 7pm

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Children should continue to find opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Please see the parish bulletin on the St. Philip Parish website to see when this Sacrament is being offered. During the preparation process for Confirmation, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered when we meet to create their stoles, expected to be sometime in April 2025.

Volunteers Needed!

Please indicate on the registration form whether you are willing to volunteer in any capacity, and feel free to reach out to Michelle McIver at michellemciver@rogers.com.

Important Links:

Please be sure to visit the Parish website (www.stphilips-church.com) where you will find information about our masses, and other events happening at the church. On the [Parish's YouTube channel](#) you will find the most recent live-streamed masses.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact our Confirmation Coordinator, Michelle McIver, at michellemciver@rogers.com, or you can contact the Parish Office at welcomhome1819@gmail.com.