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## The Sacrament of Confirmation

Dear Parents, Guardians and Confirmation Candidates,

In the Archdiocese of Ottawa, children age eleven and older (grade six and up) are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is the third of the Sacraments of Initiation, following Baptism and First Communion. Confirmation is the time when young Catholics are asked to reaffirm the promises concerning the practice of the Catholic faith that were made for them by their parents at their Baptism. Confirmation is an opportunity for these people to reflect on their faith and to choose the direction for their future.

If your child would like to be confirmed in early spring of 2019, they will need to participate in the Confirmation Program that begins this September at Holy Name of Mary Church. In order to help you and your child plan for the 2018-2019 school year we have included in this letter all the important dates and requirements concerning the Confirmation Program. (Please note that Confirmation is not a school event, but an important Sacrament of and administered by the Catholic Church.)

Registration will be held at Holy Name of Mary Parish on the weekends of September 9 and 16 at the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses only. Forms will be available at those times in the church. Please bring a copy of your child's baptismal certificate. All students must be registered to participate in the Confirmation Program.

An Information Session for parents will be held on Wednesday September 26 at 7:00pm in the church.

The Enrollment Ceremony will take place during the 4:30 pm Mass on October 14 and will be followed by the first in the series of six Faith Formation Sessions that will take place at the church. The Faith Formation Sessions are for **parents/guardians and candidates** and include Mass at 4:30p.m and run till approximately 6:30pm. All sessions are mandatory.

Confirmation candidates will also be required to participate in a Retreat and the Confirmation Mass.

We'll be using sections of Decision Point, a popular and acclaimed Confirmation program by Dynamic Catholic that includes videos and student handouts. In the fall there will be a participation fee of \$15 to help offset the cost of materials. In the spring, prior to the Confirmation Mass, there will be a gown rental fee of \$20.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the parish office at 613-256-1034 or email us at [office@hnomalmonete.ca](mailto:office@hnomalmonete.ca). More information about the Sacrament of Confirmation can be found on our website at [www.hnomalmonete.ca](http://www.hnomalmonete.ca).

We look forward to this opportunity to work with you and your child during this important step in their faith journey and growth as a mature Catholic.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Rev. Paul J Gaudet  
Pastor

## Confirmation Program Schedule 2018 - 2019

Activity	Dates	Times
<b>Registration</b>	Sunday September 9 and Sunday September 16, 2018	After the 9 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. Masses
<b>Parent Information Session</b>	Wednesday September 26, 2018	7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Church
<b>Enrollment Mass</b>	Saturday October 13, 2018 at 4:30 p.m.	Mass at 4:30 p.m. Please arrive at 4:15 p.m.
<b>Faith Formation Sessions</b>	Part 1: Saturday October 13, 2018 Part 2: Saturday November 10, 2018 Part 3: Saturday December 8, 2018 Part 4: Saturday January 12, 2019 Part 5: Saturday February 9, 2019 Part 6: Saturday March 2, 2019	4:30 - 6:15 p.m. 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. 4:30 - 6:15 p.m. 4:30 - 6:15 p.m.
<b>Reconciliation, Retreat and Rehearsal</b>	Saturday March 23, 2019 at the Church	10:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. Includes rehearsal (with Sponsors) for the Confirmation Mass from 2:30-3:30
<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	Date subject to approval by the Archbishop. Potentially March 27, March 28 or April 4, 2019. We will notify you as soon as possible.	Tentative Mass time: 7 p.m.