



GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

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115 West Street North ● Orillia ON L3V 5C4 ● Tel: 705-326-2849



September 2024

Dear Grade Seven Students and Parents

On behalf of the Orillia Family of Catholic Churches we are writing to tell you about the new Confirmation preparation program we are offering this year. It is open to all students and their parents who have received Baptism, their First Holy Communion and are in Grade Seven or above. The sacrament of Confirmation will complete what was started in Baptism and Holy Communion and strengthen one to go and witness to Christ in the world.

This year's program involves a required program for the parents as well as a separate program for students. The Church recognizes that parents are the first and primary educators of their children. We want to support parents as they prepare their children for Confirmation. Our world is full of distractions and detours that can easily set a young person on the wrong path. Nothing can take the place of a strong faith in God: not friends, money, or education. Confirmation can provide that grace needed to help the young person make a difference in the world and be all that God is calling them to be.

The mandatory parent meeting is **Thursday, September 19th at 7:00 PM** in the Guardian Angels church hall. Parents, please plan to attend without your child.

What is Needed

- 1) **Sponsor**: more information will be provided at our parent meeting.
- 2) **Registration Information**: A fillable electronic copy of the registration form is available on our Parish website as well as attached to this form. Please provide the suggested donation of \$ 50 with the completed registration form at the parent meeting. Payment via Cheque or Cash is appreciated.
- 3) **Attendance**: regular attendance at weekly mass as well as at the Confirmation program is an expectation for successful preparation for this amazing sacrament. By helping you fulfill your duty as parents, the Pastor can fulfill the Church's duty to ensure that the Candidates have been sufficiently prepared for Confirmation.

Looking forward to seeing you!

May God bless you,

Fr. Prasanth George CMI

Confirmation Preparation Team,

Questions: Please call 705-323-5609



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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION SCHEDULE

*(Submit the duly filled form on or before **September 19th, 2024**)*

Confirmation Information Session - Thursday, September 19, 2024, 7:00 pm
Guardian Angels Parish Hall

All sessions will begin with mandatory attendance at the
11:00 am Mass at Guardian Angels and each session is 75 minutes in length

PREPARATORY SESSIONS

SUNDAY, September 29th, 2024

SUNDAY, October 27th, 2024

RITE OF INSCRIPTION

SUNDAY, November 10th, 2024

SUNDAY, December 8th, 2024

SUNDAY, January 12th, 2025

SUNDAY, February 9th, 2025

RETREAT: MARCH 22nd, 2025

SUNDAY, April 13th, 2025

SUNDAY, May 25th, 2025

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2025 (PALM SUNDAY)

11.00 AM MASS at GUARDIAN ANGELS CHURCH

April 14th- 20th, PLEASE PLAN TO ATTEND HOLY WEEK CELEBRATIONS -
THE SACRED TRIDUUM: HOLY THURSDAY, GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER

RECONCILIATION

Friday, June 6th, 2025, AT 7:00 pm

CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

Pentecost Sunday - June 8th, 2025

- We encourage all parents to attend the weekend Mass with children.
- In preparation to the Confirmation, we also encourage all parents and sponsors to go to Confession.
- Students will be required to participate in small group discussions during sessions
- Students will be required to complete homework assignments and submit on time.

Yours in Christ,

Confirmation Preparation Team



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CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM *(Submit the duly filled form on or before **SEPTEMBER 19, 2024**)*

PLEASE PRINT

IMPORTANT: This form will only be accepted if it is accompanied by a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate. *(Even if the child was baptized at our Church)*
If your child was baptized/christened at a non-Catholic church, a copy of the Profession of Faith in the Catholic Church must accompany the Baptismal Certificate (i.e. completion of RCIC program).

Child's Information

Name of Parish Currently Attending: _____

Child's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Male Female Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____ City of Birth: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

School: _____ Grade: _____

Parent's Information

Father's Name: _____
First Middle Last

Religion: Roman Catholic Other: _____ None

Present Address: _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

I am a parent or have legal custody of the child.

Mother's Name: _____
First Middle Last Maiden Name

Religion: Roman Catholic Other _____ None

Present Address: Same as Father's; OR _____

City: _____ Prov. _____ Postal Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Cell: _____ email: _____

I am a parent or have legal custody of the child.

Contact Person's Name: _____

Eligibility of Sponsor

Canon 892: In so far as possible, there is to be a sponsor for the person to be confirmed; the sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament.

Canon 893 §1. To perform the function of sponsor, a person must fulfill the conditions mentioned in canon 874 (see below).

The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a sponsor (Godparent) (canon 874):

- At least 16 years of age
- He/She has been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- Suitable but not necessary that the Sponsor be one of the Candidate's Baptismal Godparents.
- In good standing with the Church (e.g. has not married outside of the Catholic Church; not cohabiting)
- Not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed

Sponsor's Information

Sponsor (Full Legal Name)

First Middle Last

Current Parish: _____ **City:** _____

Present Address: _____

City: _____ **Prov.** _____ **Postal Code:** _____

Home Phone: _____ **Cell:** _____ **email:** _____

Fulfills the requirements of canon 874.

Declaration

I, the undersigned, declare that the information on this form is true and accurate.

Name: [Please Print] _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____
MM/DD/YYYY

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

- Baptismal Certificate Received
- Profession of Faith (RCIC)
- Donation \$ 50
- Entered into the Register