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2020 Confirmation: Information and Registration

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Welcome to the St. Theresa's gr. 6 to 12 Confirmation ministry, where we emphasize joyfully encountering and building relationship with Christ and the community! The Sacrament of Confirmation seals our baptism, is oriented towards full participation in the Sunday Eucharist, and helps us embark upon an ongoing and life-long process of conversion and mission. Preparing to receive Confirmation means that your youth wants to share in the Mass with us every Sunday. Overall, Confirmation strengthens us in the gifts of the Holy Spirit (gifts first received in Baptism) and empowers us to share our love for God with others. *Please closely read all of the following information.*

Preparing for Confirmation consists of attending one introductory meeting for the Confirmation candidate, with their parents and sponsors, Formation on Mondays (full of fun & faith-oriented activities with just the youth), a winter activity, a Confirmation Retreat rehearsal day with sponsors, and Mass with the Rite of Confirmation. Event dates and times are as follows:

- 1. Intro Meeting of Confirmation students, parents and sponsors in St. Theresa's Church (main body of the church): Tuesday, October 15th at 7 pm**
- 2. Formation for Confirmation will be held each Monday (except 5th if any) 6-8 pm, starting October 21, 2019 until March 23, 2020 (16 Mondays in total).**
- 3. Winter activity: Please choose one: 1) Winter Retreat at (Rundle's Mission-Pigeon Lake or similar place) Jan 24-26, 2020 (\$75) or Youth Rally (Spruce Grove) Feb. 22, 2020 (\$45)**
- 4. Confirmation Retreat for youth Candidates and Sponsors in the MacNeil Hall: Saturday March 28, 2020 from 10 am to 3 pm. Confirmation rehearsal will take place on this date.**
- 5. Mass with Rite of Confirmation on Sunday, March 29 at 3:00 pm in the Church.**
 - o Sponsors and Candidates will meet at 2:15 pm in MacNeil Hall on this date**

PLEASE NOTE: Attendance for the catechism classes is a requirement. Every effort is to be made to book them well in advance and not schedule any other events on these dates. Lack of attendance for any other reason than a serious family emergency or illness may result in not being able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation until the following year.

To register your child for Confirmation, complete and submit the following:

- St. Theresa's Confirmation 2020 Registration Form
- A photocopy of your child's Baptismal certificate (see important notes below)
- Registration fee of \$50.00 (cheques payable to St. Theresa's parish)

These items are to be completed and submitted *all together in one package* to the parish office **no later than the REGISTRATION DEADLINE: Thursday, October 10, 2019**. Cheques are to be made payable to St. Theresa's Parish.

Regarding submitting your child's Baptismal certificate: The name on the baptismal certificate should: be your child's *full legal name*, match the name on your child's birth certificate, and it must be the same name that you put on the Confirmation registration form. Remember to submit a *photocopy* of the baptismal certificate, *NOT the original*.

Important: If the Baptismal certificate is in a different language than English, please ensure you translate it into English. You can write the information on the back of the photocopy of the baptismal certificate. It is important to translate the child's birth date, baptismal date, place of baptism, and place of birth. (Turn page over...)

"WITHOUT LOVE,
DEEDS, EVEN THE
MOST BRILLIANT,
COUNT AS NOTHING."

St. Thérèse de Lisieux

In order to properly register your child with the Archdiocese, we require the full mailing address of the parish your child was baptised in, including country and postal code. Please ensure you provide this info on the form.

RE: Sponsors - For important information on how to choose a sponsor, read the “Choosing Confirmation Sponsors: Companions on Life’s Journey” document attached to this application package.

As you and your child journey through the Confirmation process, we ask you to be especially faithful in:

- Attending Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation (to find out Mass times at parishes in your area, check out <https://caedm.ca/ParishesMassTimes>).
- Taking time to pray daily as a family and read the Bible
- If the candidate is a High School Student, he/she can attend our Life Teen Group (gr. 9-12) that meets on Tuesdays from 4:30 to 6:30 pm. You may see hundreds of photos of our activities on Facebook: Therasas YMin, or go to our web: <http://sttheresa.caedm.ca/> for updates.
- Getting involved in the parish community by joining a parish ministry, meeting other parishioners, and making new friends. All are welcome at St. Theresa’s! For information on the ministries present in our parish, check out <http://sttheresa.caedm.ca/ministries/> or see the ministries brochure section in the parish foyer
- If you love music and you are good at singing or playing an instrument, you may want to join our youth band **SHOPHAR!** <https://www.facebook.com/Shophar-Praise-Worship-Unending-Channel--554563684646822/>
Practice takes place on Wednesday at 7 pm at Shophar Recording Studio. Contact Santo at santo@strcp.com

May the Lord continue to shower you and your family with grace and peace as your child prepares to receive this sacred sacrament!

God bless,

Santo Chines, *Youth, Young Adult & Confirmation Coordinator*

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Use Facebook? Join us at “Therasas YMin” and keep up to date with all our events!

Choosing Confirmation Sponsors: Companions on Life's Journey

Confirmation sponsors fulfill a critical role in the Confirmation process, serving candidates as models, witnesses to the faith, links to the Church community, and prayerful companions on the journey through life. Each Confirmation candidate is to have one sponsor, who will mentor the person being Confirmed and assist him/her in living the Christian life. *Because of the unity of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation, it is encouraged that the sponsor be one of the baptismal godparents.*

Who can be a sponsor?

Ultimately, the person who is asked to be a sponsor must be willing and able to help the Confirmation candidate live their life as a Christian. Because sponsors are mentors in the Catholic faith, sponsors are to be *practicing Catholics*, who are fully initiated (having received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist), at least 16 years of age, attend weekly Sunday Mass, and are in good standing with the Church. It is important to note that those who commit to be a sponsor are making a *life-long commitment* to be there to help support the faith of the person receiving Confirmation. In this way, sponsors are companions on life's journey. They are our life-long prayer partners and mentors.

Ideally, the sponsor would be the same person who acted as a godparent at baptism. This helps retain the unity of the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation.

The sponsor must not be either the father or the mother of the one to be Confirmed.

One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient, but there may be two, one of each gender (maximum).

Questions to consider when helping your child pick a sponsor: Does the potential sponsor lead a life of faith that you want your child to imitate? Candidates for Confirmation generally ask a person to be their sponsor because they like and admire that person.

Though every human being sins, in general, does the potential sponsor lead a life that someone could imitate and not be led astray? Is the potential sponsor ready to answer (or help find answers to) questions the candidate might have about the faith and about life in general?

Is the potential sponsor comfortable praying with and for the candidate?

You may want to ask your potential sponsor these questions and find out whether they are able to make this level of life-long commitment.

What are the commitments of a Confirmation sponsor?

A sponsor's short-term commitments include: maintaining regular contact with the candidate preparing for Confirmation both before and after the sacrament is received, praying for and fostering the faith of the Confirmation candidate, being aware of whether the candidate is ready for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation when the time comes, and attending the Confirmation rehearsal retreat, and rite of Confirmation.

A sponsor's long-term commitments include: making a life-long commitment to be there and help support the confirmand in their faith and everyday life by maintaining contact over the years. The sponsor should at least be willing to pray for the confirmand regularly and make an effort to keep in touch with them, even if it be just the occasional phone call and Christmas card.

If you have any questions about sponsors, feel free to contact Santo at (780) 463-8646 ext. 2226 or email santo@strcp.com.

FIRST & LAST NAME: _____

Confirmation Service Hours Record Sheet

As part of the Confirmation process, we are asking for Candidates to do **15 hours total** of community service. This is to help realize the call of Jesus to be servant to all. We recommend that students break this down by **completing around 4 hours of volunteer service per month from November to February** so that they are not pressured to try and find hours at the last minute. Go to <http://sttheresa.caedm.ca/youth/volunteering/> for a current list of service opportunities in the parish.

- 15 service hours required to proceed forward to Confirmation
- The deadline for Record Sheets to be handed in is **February 3, 2020**
- Examples of service opportunities include: Participating in our Christmas Caroling at the Mill Woods Town Centre and/or nursing homes and related preparation, helping at our Parish Pancake Breakfasts, volunteering in parish ministries, volunteering at your school, helping the elderly with yard work, volunteering with a charity, fundraising for Corpus Christi, etc. **Cleaning your house or babysitting your brother and/or sister does not qualify...that's one of your duties, not a service! A Service Hours Sheet that has on it only babysitting or yard work will not be accepted!**

Service hours are an essential part of our Program, through them we see youth starting to be involved in the Church from whom they are asking to be confirmed in their faith! Other experiences that may open their eyes and hearts even more include serving the poor (i.e., serving dinner to the poor at the Hope Mission, or in a senior housing facility).

- Be sure to add your full name at the top of this page, so we know this is your service record.

Date	Hours	Service Description	Supervisor's Name and Signature
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Confirmation 2020 Registration Form

For office use only.
Reg. N.:
Parishioners
Sacraments

****Form must be fully completed on both sides or it will be returned to you****

****Please print CLEARLY and remember to include your EMAIL ADDRESS so we can keep in contact**

****\$50.00 fee is due upon registration **Registration deadline: October 10, 2019****

**Completed forms are to be submitted to parish office either by mail, or during office hours
Mon-Fri 9 am-8:30 pm and Sat from 10 am to 5 pm. Office closed during lunch from 12-1 pm.**

Part 1: Candidate Information

Candidate's Name: _____ Male Female
(PLEASE PRINT) Last First Middle

** If the candidate's name has been changed since his/her baptism, please attach a copy of their LEGAL NAME CHANGE form*

**In the case of adoption please include copies of large version of birth certificate & adoption certificate*

Date of Birth: _____ Place of Birth: _____ Age at Confirmation: _____
(DD/MM/YYYY) City/Town Prov./State

Which parish and group/ministry are you attending: _____

Candidate Email: _____ Candidate cell: _____

Name of School candidate is attending: _____ Grade: _____

ALLERGIES or SPECIAL NEEDS (ESL, special learning needs, etc. For more room, attach separate page): _____

Part 2: Parental Information

Mother's maiden name: _____
Maiden Last Name First Name(s) Religion

Father's name: _____
Last Name First Name(s) Religion

Home Address: _____
Street Address City/Town Prov. Postal Code

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone (and ext.): _____ (Mother ; Father)

Email (REQUIRED in order to receive Confirmation info!): _____
Please send an email to me (santo@strcp.com) saying: Hello I'm the father/mother of (This way your antivirus will not put the emails I send to you in your spam folder Thank you).

Want to receive news about family & youth activities going on at St. Theresa's parish? YES NO

Part 3: Sponsor Information

It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism (c.893 §2). The sponsor must not be either the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed (cf. c.874 §1,5). The sponsor must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing **Catholic**, and be at least 16 years of age (cf.c874). One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient (cf. c.873), but there may be a maximum of two sponsors, one of each gender (c.873).

Sponsor: _____ M F
Last Name First Name(s) Name of Parish

EMAIL: _____ Testimonial of Suitability by parent(s) parent(s) initial _____

Sponsor 2 (optional): _____ M F
Last Name First Name(s) Name of Parish

EMAIL: _____ Testimonial of Suitability by parent(s) parent(s) initial _____

Office Use Only Date Registered: _____ PAID: Y <input type="checkbox"/> N <input type="checkbox"/> Baptismal Certificate <input type="checkbox"/>	- Permission to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation granted on (Date: DD/MM/YYYY) _____ - To _____ (Name of Priest) by _____ (Archbishop/Delegate)
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Important: WE REQUIRE THE COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS OF THE PARISH YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED AT in order to register the child with the Archdiocese. A COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE IS ALSO REQUIRED AT REGISTRATION, even if child has been baptized at St. Theresa's. If certificate is in a different language, please translate into English on back of copy.

Baptism: _____
Date (DD/MM/YYYY) Name of Church Church Mailing Address (REQUIRED!)

City/Town Province/State Country Postal Code

Has your child received First Reconciliation? Y N Has your child received First Holy Eucharist? Y N If yes, what parish did your child receive First Holy Eucharist? _____ Date _____
(DD/MM/YYYY)

Part 4a: Complete this section only if candidate was baptized into another Rite or Ecclesial Community

1. Was this child Baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church? Y N If YES, then Confirmation was conferred at the time of Baptism. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated. Consider having your child get involved as a Confirmation peer support volunteer instead.
2. Was this child Baptized in the Orthodox Church? Y N Confirmed? Y N
We give permission for our child to make a Profession of Faith into the corresponding Eastern Church within the Catholic Church: _____
Signature of Father Signature of Mother
3. Was this child Baptized in another Christian ecclesial community? Y N
If yes, in which denomination?: _____
We give permission for our child to make a Profession of Faith into the Roman Catholic Church:

Signature of Father Signature of Mother

Part 5: VOLUNTEERING

- Are you interested in and/or would like to lead games and fun activities with our youth? Do you want to help with this during our Confirmation Program, or even beyond? Yes

- Do you want to assist in serving snacks and/or with clean up during our Confirmation Program? Yes

- We now have an after school outreach program (Mon-Wed 3-5 pm). Do you have time? Are you interested in helping to serve pre-prepared food for the students? For 1 day (around 1 hour shift?) Yes

- *TEENS who have already been Confirmed can also get involved & gain service hours!* Reference letters may be provided to dedicated volunteers. If you can volunteer, **then please fill this out!** If more from members of your household wish to volunteer, please attach a paper with the names and contact info to this form.

Name: _____ Adult (18+) Teen (Gr.10-12)

Email: _____ Daytime Contact Number: _____

Part 6: Parental Consent

We (I) give permission for our (my) child to be Confirmed. _____ (initial).

We (I) give permission for my child to be photographed and/or videotaped during Confirmation events. I understand that my child may decline to be photographed and/or videotaped at any time. I further grant permission for the resulting photographs and/or videotaped footage to be utilized for the purpose of promoting the youth ministry at St. Theresa's parish. _____ (initial)

We (I) give permission for our (my) child to participate in all the events associated with the Confirmation ministry, including the Parent Information Meeting, the formation on Mondays, the Winter activity, the Student-Sponsor Retreat, and the Rite of Confirmation as described in the Information and Registration letter dated August 23, 2019. _____ (initial)

We (I) I agree on behalf of ourselves (myself), our (my) child named herein, or our heirs, successors and assigns, to hold harmless and defend St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Parish, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, and their officers, directors and agents, chaperons, or representatives associated with the Confirmation ministry, from any and all actions, claims, demands, damages, costs, expenses and all consequential damage arising from or in connection with my child attending the events of the ministry or in connection with any illness or injury or cost of medical treatment in connection therewith, and I agree to compensate St. Theresa's Roman Catholic Parish, The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Edmonton, and their officers, directors and agents, chaperons, or representatives associated with the event for reasonable attorney's fees and expenses arising therewith. _____ (initial)

Father's Signature

Mother's Signature

Date