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**“To Serve and Love God’s Church and His Holy People with Compassion, Joy and Truth”**

Dear Parents and Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation;

I am writing to especially invite students in Grades 6 and 7, but also students up to and including Grade 9 who have not received Confirmation in the past, to prepare for and receive the Sacrament of Confirmation this year. Confirmation is the final sacrament of initiation, and through understanding, an open heart, growing faith, and the anointing of the Holy Spirit, the candidate chooses to unite themselves to Jesus. Through a permanent mark of God's grace, they will be claimed once more by the loving God who gives them life, and offered all that they need to live a life of holiness. This preparation will help them approach this sacrament, but is a vital step, but really the start of a new stage in their life-long relationship with God.

Registration for preparation for Confirmation is open now, and should be completed as soon as possible. The Introductory Orientation session for parents and the candidates will be **Sunday, March 20th, 3-4:15 pm , at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.**

The preparation program will be primarily using online resources, and will be largely self-directed (home-based). We will also have a few in-person session spread out over the coming weeks, including a retreat as the last event before the Confirmation Mass with Bishop McGrattan.

**How to Register:**

- Please visit our parish website, [www.stbernardsparish.ca/registration-forms-and-letters](http://www.stbernardsparish.ca/registration-forms-and-letters) to find the registration form, and email your completed form to the parish at [office@stbernardsparish.ca](mailto:office@stbernardsparish.ca), or bring it with you to our Introductory session on March 20th. Please remember to provide a copy of your child's baptismal certificate.
- The lesson plan is taken from the CHOSEN program, from Ascension Press. You will need to visit [www.ascensionpress.com/products/chosen-this-is-your-catholic-faith-online-course](http://www.ascensionpress.com/products/chosen-this-is-your-catholic-faith-online-course) and will be a cost of \$18.95 US. This will be the only cost of participation.
- There will also be included a variety of other elements in addition to the lessons from CHOSEN.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call our parish office, at (403) 283-3746.

I look forward to hearing from you and getting to know you better as you prepare for your Confirmation!

In Christ,

Fr. Matthew Emmelkamp  
Pastor



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## CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

### CANDIDATE'S INFORMATION

**First and Middle Name**  **Last Name**

**Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy)**  **Place of Birth (City/Province)**

**Sex:** M  F  **Religion:**  **School:**  **Grade:**

**Date of Baptism (dd/mm/yyyy):**

**Church Location (City/Province)**  **If out of Canada, email address or fax number:**

**Candidate has:** Prepared for FIRST RECONCILIATION Y  N  Received FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Y  N

**Name of Confirmation Sponsor:**

*\* This choice is not needed until midway through preparation. You will be asked to submit your choice of sponsor during preparation.*

### FAMILY INFORMATION

**Home Address:**  **Postal Code:**  **Main Phone:**

**Primary Email best used for ALL COMMUNICATION:**

**Candidate resides with:** Both Parents  Mother  Father  Other:  **Registered in Parish**  **New**

**Attending which church?** St. Bernard's  Our Lady of the Assumption  Other:

**Father:** **Given Names**  **Last Name**

**Father's Religion:** Roman Catholic  Other:

**Mother:** **Given Names**  **Last Name**

**Maiden name:**  **Mother's Religion:** Roman Catholic  Other:

### ADDITIONAL NOTES & INSTRUCTIONS for 2022

- Please complete this registration form and return it to the parish by email. Please include or forward a (scanned) copy of the candidate's BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE asap. Reply to [office@stbernardsparish.ca](mailto:office@stbernardsparish.ca)
- The Diocese has recommended that Confirmation Preparation be conducted largely online again this year, as a form of self-directed program. Our Parish will combine these home-based lessons with a few in-person gatherings along the way to help provide support, and a chance for this group of candidates to connect with the rest of the group. The program is designed to be 11 lessons over the span of 11 weeks, with supplementary activities.
- IMPORTANT DATES TO MARK:
  1. **Sunday, March 20: Introduction and Orientation** for parents (guardians) and candidates. 3:00 – 4:15 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.
  2. In-person sessions: (Sundays) **April 3, May 8, May 22**, 3:00 – 4:30 pm at Our Lady of the Assumption Church.
  3. **Retreat – Saturday, June 4.** More details to follow.
  4. **CONFIRMATION MASS with Bishop William McGrattan: Thursday, June 16, 6:00 pm.** Location to be confirmed.

#### FOR OFFICE USE ONLY

**Date Received:**  **Baptismal Certificate Received:** Yes  No  **Certificate Issued on ( / / )**

dd / mm / year dd / mm / year