

# MOST BLESSED SACRAMENT/ SACRED HEART CONFIRMATION PLANS

Dear Grade 8 Families,

We hope all of you and your families have kept safe during the last several months. We have been praying for all of you and your children who were preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We are happy to share that we have been given permission to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation (with safety precautions put into place). Please read the entire letter as we will be asking you to commit to several items.

Confirmation will be celebrated as follows:

**Saturday, November 28th @ 10 am @ Sacred Heart Parish, for Sacred Heart Students**  
**Saturday, November 28th @ 1 pm @ Most Blessed Sacrament Parish, for Blessed Sacrament Students.**

Each family will have **ONE** pew assigned to them. Each student will have **1** sponsor, plus a maximum of **6** additional guests allowed who do not have to be physically distant in their assigned pew. This is to follow the Government of Ontario's direction of the Church being filled at 30% capacity.

Please continue to the next page to read about how we will be keeping everyone safe and the commitment we are asking of each family.

Once you have read the second page, please fill out the survey (<https://forms.gle/7cc6QEMsAgGDVYkS8>). Please note, these conditions and preparations will be put into place at Most Blessed Sacrament / Sacred Heart Parishes for the 2020-2021 Academic Year. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Father Charlie Jordan or Rachel McNamara.

Yours in Christ,

Father Charlie	Rachel McNamara
Pastor	Youth Minister
Most Blessed Sacrament / Sacred Heart Parishes	



# CONFIRMATION LITURGY

As outlined by Bishop Crosby, Bishop of Hamilton

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Father Charlie Jordan. There will be no bishop present.

- The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated as a Liturgy of the Word only. There will be no Mass celebrated.

- Each candidate and sponsor will approach Father Charlie at the time of receiving the blessing. The candidate and Father Charlie will not exchange words. The candidate will wear a name tag, provided by the parish.

- Father Charlie will use a q-tip with oil to anoint each candidate. All q-tips will be burned after the Liturgy.

# CONFIRMATION PREPARATIONS

Unfortunately due to school closures your child was not adequately prepared to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The parish is responsible for all preparations, and we have been quite grateful of the school's support over the years in assisting us in the preparation to receive the sacraments. However, we realize that the Fall will be much different in the schools and to avoid putting extra responsibilities on the staff and the school, we will have to prepare the students outside of school hours.

Due to physical distancing and the realities of COVID-19, we have decided to hold online preparation classes to ensure everyone's safety. You are asked to choose to be a part of the Tuesday evening group (7:00 - 8:30 pm) or Sunday evening group (7:00 - 8:30 pm). The sessions will run once a week for five weeks, beginning October 4th. If your child does not have access to technology during that time, please contact Rachel.