

St. Francis de Sales - Blessed Sacrament Parish



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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION 2013

Dear Parents and/or Guardians and Candidates for Confirmation:

The celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation will take place this year on ***Thursday, 23 May 2013 at 7pm in St. Francis de Sales Church***. This letter is addressed to parents and/or guardians of those among our youth who are possible candidates for Confirmation.

The purpose of this letter is to formally initiate the process of preparation for those who want to receive this sacrament. There will be a ***mandatory meeting for parents and candidates*** and if possible, confirmation sponsors from ***7pm to 8:00pm on Tuesday, January 22nd in Hanley Hall upstairs. (In case of inclement weather the meeting will be held on Thursday January 31st).*** It is ***important that you and the candidate are present*** as helpful information will be transmitted that evening. There will be only ***one (1) meeting*** and it would be great to have full attendance. ***Candidates are asked to bring their agenda books to the meeting.***

Attached to this letter is the ***“Registration for Confirmation”*** form. Parents are asked to provide information about their child’s Catholic baptism and to include a copy of their baptismal certificate (the baptismal date would be sufficient if the candidate was baptised at St. Francis de Sales Parish). ***Please complete the required information on the form and return it to the candidate’s teacher or to the parish office by Friday, February 1st, 2013.*** Please attach \$25 (cheques should be made out to St. Francis de Sales Parish) for the cost of the rental of the gown for the Confirmation ceremony and for other materials. ***Please note: If there is a hardship with regard to the gown rental please let me know. This should not be a deterrent to receiving the sacrament.***

I and the Confirmation Preparation Team (consisting of myself, Deacon Brent McLaren and the teachers) look forward to working with our young people who are taking this important step on their faith journey. We pray that the Holy Spirit will fill your hearts and lives with His gifts of faith, love and joy.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Rod McNeil, Pastor