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Dear Parents & Guardian,

We are happy to offer Online Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation beginning on Sunday March 6, from 1 pm to 1:45 pm via Zoom (with a Tuesday option available for those unable to participate on Sundays).

PLACE OF CONFIRMATION

Sacraments are essentially celebrations of a parish, not academic programs. It is important that your parish connection be established at this time. Catholic school catchment areas and parish boundaries are different. Attendance at a particular school does not determine the location of sacramental celebration. The parish connection is so important that if you live within the boundaries of one of the neighbouring parishes of St. John's (such as **Corpus Christi, St. Dunstan's, Immaculate Heart of Mary, and St. Brigid's**), it is very important that you contact the parish to begin your sacramental preparation registration.

This emphasis on parish celebration has been promoted in the Archdiocese of Toronto for some years, but we realize that change can be difficult. Perhaps your child make his or her First Holy Communion at St. John's, but as time goes on, the connection with the parish where you worship and live needs to be emphasized more and more, as we promote the celebration of the sacraments as an essential part of parish life. The sacrament of Confirmation is most fittingly celebrated in the church community you are associated with by residence or attendance.

DATES OF PREPARATION

This program will run online Sunday mornings with our Confirmation Coordinator Sheila Stuart. This schedule runs for 6 sessions of classes on March 6, March 27, April 3, April 10, April 24 and May 1. (For those that can't make the Sunday, Tuesday classes will be held on March 8, March 29, April 5, April 12, April 26, May 1) The catechetical program, "Anointed For Mission", was developed by the Archdiocese of Toronto, and will incorporate videos from Formed.org. PDFs of the student booklets will be provided to our parish families so that students can print them at home, and read and write in their workbooks while participating in the online class. If you prefer to receive a printed copy please let us know.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

If present capacity numbers are still in place in May, students will be receiving their **Sacrament of Confirmation** on either **Tuesday May 10 or Tuesday May 17 at 7 pm**. *If capacity is reduced further dates will be added. Please note that attendance may be limited to the candidate, the sponsor, and one other family member (maximum 3 persons per family including the candidate, if capacity limits are in place.)*

REGISTRATION:

Registration for St. John's Parish Sacramental Preparation for Confirmation is open to Registered Members Of St. John's Parish residing within the parish boundaries. If your address is outside the parish boundaries, please contact your parish of residence for information on their Confirmation

- Families who live outside the boundaries but are registered members of the parish and attending Sunday Mass on a regular basis will be eligible.
- Unfortunately other exceptions may not be permitted due to high enrolment numbers.
- Registration is only open to students who are baptized in the Roman Catholic Church.
- Parents will be required to contact the parish office at stjohnstosacraments@archtoronto.org to begin the registration process.
 - Parents & Guardians will receive a confirmation email, which will include:
 - The Registration Form for Confirmation
 - Schedule of Online Classes and special dates
 - List of requirements

Yours in Christ

Fr. John- Mark Missio
Pastor