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ST. JOHN'S PARISH INFORMATION SHEET ON 2023 CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

We are happy to offer In person Sacramental Preparation for **Confirmation** beginning on Sunday March 5, from 10 am until 11 am in the Church basement/hall.

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 in person Sunday mornings with our Confirmation Coordinator Sheila Stuart. This schedule runs for 6 weeks of classes beginning Sunday March 5, utilizing the catechetical program Anointed For Mission, and incorporating videos from Formed.org. Student booklets will be provided at the first class so our parish families can read and write in their workbooks.

DATE OF CONFIRMATION:

Students will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Tuesday May 23rd at 7 pm. If enrolment exceeds church safety capacity, a second date will be added.

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 will receive a confirmation email, which will include:
 - The Registration Form for Confirmation
 - Schedule of Classes and special dates students must attend
 - List of requirements