

2019-2020 Preparations for The Sacrament of Confirmation

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Dear Parent/Caregiver of Child in Grade 6 or above,

Greetings from St. Albert Catholic Parish! We hope you had a restful summer and have begun to settle into a wonderful new school year.

We are writing to invite you and your child into our preparation process for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The Sacrament of Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation (the others being Baptism and Holy Eucharist). These three sacraments provide spiritual tools your child needs to journey in life. In the Archdiocese of Edmonton, the parishes prepare children for the sacraments. This is because the parish is where the sacramental life is celebrated. Catholic schools and homes also have an important role to play in the Christian formation of the child.

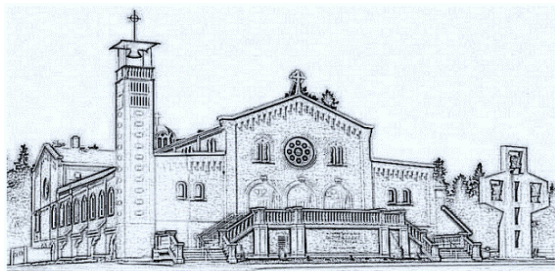
Our registration nights and first session are coming up soon: **September 25 or 26 from 6:30-8:00pm in the church basement.** You may select either of the two nights. We ask that you bring your child (in grade 6 or above), a copy of your child's baptism certificate, and the \$40 registration fee. More information will be provided at the registration night. Please see the other side of this letter for important dates.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

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Confirmation is usually celebrated with children in grade six in the Archdiocese of Edmonton. It is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, Eucharist, and Confirmation. Confirmation is an important sacrament of strengthening for your child and it equips them for their spiritual journey.

Each child and at least one parent/caregiver must attend all 4 sessions: one in September, one in November, one in January and one in February. Each Session there are two days to choose from, usually Wednesday or Thursday evenings, so families can choose the evening that works best for them. Please arrive 10 minutes early so we can begin on time. Additionally, each child must attend the Parish Expo (which occurs the weekend after registration), one Mass on Presentation Weekend, and one retreat. Other requirements will be explained at Session 1.

*If your child is not baptized, or was baptized in another Christian denomination (e.g. Anglican, Lutheran etc.), if your child has not yet celebrated their First Holy Communion, or for any other inquiries please contact **Darryl.Tymchuk@caedm.ca** or **780-459-6691***

Registration & Session 1

For parents and children in the church basement

**** Please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate and \$40 registration fee payable by cash or cheque to "St. Albert Parish"***

6:30-8pm September 25 and 26
(select one date)

Presentation Weekend

Children are presented at weekend
Masses and receive a gift.

Saturday, October 19 at 5pm; Sunday,
October 20 at 9am and 6:30pm
(select one Mass – **Note not 11am**)

Session 3

For parents and children in the church basement

6:30-8pm January 15 and 16
(select one date)



Parish Expo

For parents, children and families in the church basement. At this event, parish organizations and ministries set up tables with food and share what they do. There's balloons, face painting and great food... all for free.

Sunday, September 29th following 11am Mass

Session 2

For parents and children in the church basement

6:30-8pm November 13 and 14
(select one date)

Session 4

For parents and children in the church basement

6:30-8pm February 25 and 27
(Tues or Thurs due to Ash Wed. Select one date)

Confirmation Retreats

Retreat for children only in the church basement

10:30am – 2pm March 7 and 14
(select one date)

Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

at St. Albert Parish Church

Saturday, May 2, 2020 at 10:30am

Reception to follow; all are invited to attend.

***Please note that children cannot receive their sacraments if the parish office does not receive their baptismal certificate by the third session.**