

ST. ISAAC JOGUES CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

During the upcoming school year (2018-2019), your child is invited to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This is an important time in the life of your family and the whole parish.

Sacraments are meant to be celebrated in the parish church where you regularly worship. If you attend St. Isaac Jogues Parish, this is where your child should celebrate Confirmation. If you attend St. Francis de Sales or Holy Redeemer, this is where your child should receive the Sacraments.

The requirements for receiving the Sacraments at St. Isaac Jogues Parish are as follows:

1. Be a registered Parishioner of St. Isaac Jogues Parish.
2. Attend Sunday Mass faithfully.
3. Register for the sacraments by attending a Registration Meeting and submitting a completed sacrament registration form (to be handed out at the meeting), along with a **copy** of the child's **baptismal certificate** and a \$50 programme offering for preparation materials for the year. *(The programme offering will not be a hindrance to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Please contact our Sacramental Preparation Co-ordinator Marie James if there is any concern. She may be reached by email SIJsacraments@hotmail.com)*
4. Attend all of the Key Date sessions that you will receive at the registration meeting.

Registration for the sacrament of Confirmation will take place on the following dates. You **MUST** attend **ONE** of these meetings to register to receive the Sacrament next spring.

Thursday, September 27th at 7pm

OR

Sunday, September 30th at 2:30pm

These sessions are meant for parents/guardians **and** candidates; and will be the only opportunities to register to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 2019. All important dates and expectations concerning preparation will be provided at this meeting. **We will also be asking for Confirmation Sponsor information at this time. You will find the requirements to be a sponsor on the back of this letter.**

If you have difficulty locating your child's baptismal certificate, and your child attends a Catholic school, please contact their school for a copy of the certificate. If they do not attend a Catholic school, please contact the church where the child was baptised so that you will have the copy with you for registration. If your child is in need of Baptism or reception into the Roman Catholic Church, please discuss this at the time of registration.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Yours in the Sacred Heart of Jesus,



Father Paul Dobson
Pastor, St. Isaac Jogues Church

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Confirmation Sponsor Requirements

The role of a sponsor at Confirmation is twofold:

1. They present you, the candidate/Confirmandi, to the priest or bishop and testify to your sincerity and readiness for Confirmation
2. They represent the Christian community in welcoming you into full membership in the Church and supporting you with their prayers and good example.

The requirements for Sponsors are as follows:

- ✠ Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church.
- ✠ Must be a fully initiated Catholic, having received the Sacraments of Baptism, the Holy Eucharist and Confirmation
- ✠ Must be 16 years of age or older
- ✠ Must not be a parent of the Confirmation Candidate
- ✠ It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook the role at baptism (ie. one of the godparents)
- ✠ Should be someone you trust, someone responsible and faithful
- ✠ Should uphold the teachings of the Catholic Church and be alive in the faith
- ✠ If the sponsor is unavailable, a proxy sponsor may be used and he/she must also meet the above criteria

Please keep these criteria in mind when choosing a sponsor. There are no exceptions.