

# Saint Gregory the Great Parish

10 St. Gregory's Drive, Cambridge Ontario N1S 3Z1

October 13, 2023

Dear Parents/Guardian:

It is the custom in the Diocese of Hamilton to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation on students in parish schools who are in their seventh grade. The Church takes delight in celebrating the sacraments and we pray for our confirmandi who will be preparing to receive this important sacrament celebrating the gifts of the Holy Spirit. Sacramental preparation is a three-way partnership between our parish, our schools and you, our parents. Together we will prepare your children for the reception of this beautiful sacrament.

To begin this process of formation, there will be a parent meeting on **Wednesday, October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023 starting at 6:30pm** at Saint Gregory's Parish church. If your child is to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, your attendance at this meeting is important. Information will be shared regarding the formation program, school curriculum and the sacrament itself. Our pastor and school staff will be available for any questions you may have.

Please find attached the Registration form for the Sacrament of Confirmation at our parish. Please complete both sides of the registration form and return it along with any required baptism certificate to the church by mail, in person or electronically to [stgreg@rogers.com](mailto:stgreg@rogers.com) **no later than Friday, January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024**. You may also bring the completed form to the Parents Meeting on the evening of October 25<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

If your child was baptized at St. Gregory's Parish you will simply return the completed registration form (no baptismal certificate is required). If your child was baptized in a Roman Catholic parish other than St. Gregory's please attach a copy of their baptismal certificate to the completed form. If you have lost or misplaced your child's baptismal certificate one can be issued by contacting the parish in which your child was baptized.

Please be reminded that in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, children must be baptized Roman Catholics who have received the sacraments of First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

**MUST ATTEND** the **Confirmation Enrolment Ceremony** which will take place at St. Gregory's Church during the weekend Masses of **Saturday, November 11, 2023 at 5:00pm and Sunday, November 12, 2023 at 10:00am. Please choose one Mass to attend only.** Details will be shared at the Parent Meeting.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Gregory's Parish church as follows:

**Wednesday, May 1st , 2024 at 7:00 pm**

Sincerely,

Father Khalid Karomi – Pastor