

September 20, 2018

Dear potential Confirmation Parents and Students.

Grade 7 is a very important year in the life of every student. The Archdiocese of Toronto has determined that this is an appropriate age for children to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Here at Good Shepherd Parish, there will be an important **information evening on Monday, October 1, 2018 at 7:00pm**. Only children whose families are registered and who attend at Good Shepherd Parish will receive the sacraments in our parish. This is in compliance with Archdiocesan directives.

The community of Good Shepherd is always open to the families of our school communities. We welcome new members, and would love to see children from our schools more regularly as altar servers or singing in our children's choir, but especially attending Sunday mass. If families of our school communities would like to have their children take part in the Parish Sacraments, these families must be registered with the parish office and attend mass regularly. Alternatively, if you already belong to another parish please contact your pastor to arrange for your child's Sacramental preparation.

At the meeting, the Catechist Team and I will carefully guide you through the Sacramental preparation program we will be following. Special attention will be directed to enrollment ceremony, class dates, retreats, texts to be used, assignments, etc. There will be ample time for questions after the presentation. Please know that this meeting is for parent(s)/caregivers. However we encourage you to include your child in the entire process as it is their sacrament to receive. This year the confirmation ceremony will take place on Sunday, June 9, 2019.

Confirmation registration will take place after **Sunday masses on October 14, 2018**. You are asked to **bring a copy of your child's original Baptismal certificate at that time**, your email address carefully printed/written out and **\$50.00 (cash or cheque payable to "The Church of the Good Shepherd")** which will cover the cost of student texts, Confirmation preparation, Confirmation, and gown rentals.

Sincerely,

Father Anthony Iacobelli
Pastor