



St. Padre Pio Parish
Confirmation Sacrament Preparation
Registration Package
2026-2027



We are very happy that your child is preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Padre Pio Parish. Please take some time to read through the registration package and mark all dates in your calendar. Before registering for the Sacrament of Confirmation, please ensure that:

- ☐ Your child is in Grade 7 or older.
- ☐ Your child is baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith.
- ☐ If your child has not been baptized in the Roman Catholic Faith or not baptized at all, please call the parish office and speak with Fr. George as soon as possible.

If you have any questions about, or require clarification about these requirements, please contact the Parish Office at (905) 893-7879, and speak to Liana Del Mastro, the Lay Pastoral Associate, or email Liana at stpadrepiolPA@archtoronto.org.

REGISTRATION INSTRUCTIONS

1. Attend the **Confirmation Parent Information Meeting** on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 7:30 PM at St. Padre Pio Church.
2. Complete the **2026-2027 Confirmation Registration Form**, which can be found here: <https://forms.gle/4eoG3cYBpFPgWTLHA>
3. Attend one of the **In Person Registration Dates** on Saturday, October 17, 2026 from 8:30 AM - 11:30 AM **OR** Monday, October 26, 2026 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM. **Registration will close on October 26.**



Please bring the following with you to the In Person Registration Day:

- ☐ A printed copy of the online registration form. This will be in your email. Please confirm the spelling of all entries filled out on the registration form.
 - ☐ A **COPY of your child's Baptismal Certificate**. Originals will not be accepted.
 - ☐ **Payment of \$65** (cash or cheque payable to St. Padre Pio Parish; Memo: 2026-2027 Confirmation - *Your Child's Name*)
4. Complete the **Promise of Enrolment Form** (*found on the last page of this package*) and attend the **Enrolment Ceremony** on November 21 & November 22, 2026 at the 5:00, 9:15, 10:30 or 12:00 Masses.

Confirmation Sacrament Preparation Important Dates

PROMISE OF ENROLMENT WEEKEND

Students are to bring their completed Enrolment Form to Mass with them on the weekend of November 21st and November 22nd, 2025. Masses at St. Padre Pio Parish are celebrated at 5:00 PM on Saturdays, and 9:15 AM, 10:30 AM and 12:00 Noon on Sundays.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION CLASSES

All classes will be held from 7:00 - 7:45 PM on the dates listed below. on the dates listed below:

- Pope Francis and Public and Private students will attend classes at Pope Francis Catholic Elementary School (15 Secord Ave, Kleinburg, ON L4H 3Z3).
- St. Andrew, St. Stephen, and St. Padre Pio students will attend classes at St. Stephen Catholic Elementary School (451 Napa Valley Ave, Woodbridge, ON L4H 1Y8)

Students have the **option to attend the Monday or Thursday session**. It is mandatory for students to attend one class a week. If one or more class(es) are missed, you and your child will be asked to attend a meeting with Fr. George.

Session	Class Option #1	Class Option #2	Topic
1	Monday, January 11, 2027	Thursday, January 14, 2027	Why Am I Here? - Jesus and the Holy Spirit
2	Monday, January 18, 2027	Thursday, January 21, 2027	Gifts of the Holy Spirit
3	Monday, January 25, 2027	Thursday, January 28, 2027	Fruits of the Holy Spirit
4	Monday, February 1, 2027	Thursday, February 4, 2027	Confirmation and Receiving the Sacrament
5	Monday, February 8, 2027	Thursday, February 11, 2027	Sent On a Mission

RETREAT FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS

The mandatory Confirmation Retreat will be held at St. Padre Pio Church. Confirmation candidates must attend this retreat with their sponsors.

Saturday, February 20, 2027	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Pope Francis & St. Andrew
Saturday, February 20, 2027	1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	St. Padre Pio, St. Stephen, Public & Private

RECONCILIATION FOR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

Confirmandi are required to attend the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The following dates have been scheduled, and are a requirement of the Confirmation Preparation Program.

Tuesday, March 2, 2027	7:00 PM	Pope Francis & St. Andrew
Thursday, March 4, 2027	7:00 PM	St. Padre Pio, St. Stephen, Private & Public

CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL DATES

Confirmandi and their sponsors are required to attend a rehearsal prior to the Confirmation celebration. Rehearsals will be held at St. Padre Pio Parish.

Thursday, April 22, 2027	6:30 PM	Pope Francis (Larsen, Duria)
Thursday, April 22, 2027	7:30 PM	Pope Francis (Fedrigoni, Futia)
Tuesday, April 27, 2027	6:30 PM	St. Andrew & St. Padre Pio
Tuesday, April 27, 2027	7:30 PM	St. Stephen & Public and Private

CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION DATES

The Confirmation Celebrations will be held at St. Padre Pio Church. Sponsors and Confirmandi should arrive at the church one hour before the Mass to receive their gowns, take photos, and find their seats. Seating will be reserved for the children and sponsors only. Seating will not be reserved for Parents/Guardians, extended family members and friends.

Wednesday, April 28, 2027	7:00 PM	Pope Francis (Larsen, Duria)
Thursday, April 29, 2027	7:00 PM	Pope Francis (Fedrigoni, Futia)
Friday, April 30, 2027	7:00 PM	St. Andrew & St. Padre Pio
Wednesday, May 5, 2027	7:00 PM	St. Stephen & Public and Private

CONFIRMATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

The Archdiocese of Toronto requires that students complete a certain degree of preparation in the school, home and Parish before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Below are the requirements outlined and explained.

1. Students **must attend Sunday Mass** each week, **and have their passport stamped upon exiting the church**. Information will be shared via email after the registration deadline.
2. Attendance is required at all Sacrament Preparation classes. If one or more class(es) are missed, you and your child will be asked to attend a meeting with Fr. George.
3. Students are encouraged to take part in ministry life (Choir, Altar Servers, Youth Ministry, etc.) at the parish. Confirmation is a call to a deeper faith-life, and also to greater service.
4. Students and their sponsors must attend a one-day retreat offered by the Parish. The date of this retreat is listed in the Important Dates section of this package.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT CONFIRMATION

WHY MUST I TAKE PART IN A PARISH-BASED PROGRAM IF I ATTEND A CATHOLIC SCHOOL?

Sacramental preparation in the Archdiocese of Toronto is rooted in three principles:

- All sacraments are ecclesial celebrations, i.e. celebrations of the Church;
- Parents are the primary educators of their children in the ways of faith;
- Catholic schools are an integral part of ongoing Religious Education, including preparation for the sacraments.

There are two types of preparation for sacraments, initial and immediate.

1. **Initial** (ongoing Religious Education) preparation encompasses:
 - Sunday worship;
 - Prayer in the family;
 - Education in a Catholic School system (or equivalent formation in the parish in Catholic doctrine and life-style);
 - Daily living of a Catholic life-style appropriate to one's age and spiritual development
2. **Immediate** preparation is the responsibility of the parents and parish and encompasses:
 - Sunday worship;
 - Prayer in the family;
 - Specific sacramental catechesis on the sacrament being anticipated;
 - Daily living of a Catholic life-style appropriate to one's age and spiritual development.

WHAT IS A SPONSOR?

A model of faith for the candidate and must be a fully initiated, practicing Catholic in good standing under church laws. It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be a godparent who undertook the role at Baptism. The sponsor must be:

- ☐ At least 16 years of age.
- ☐ They have been fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation).
- ☐ In good standing with the Church (e.g. has not married outside of the Catholic Church; not cohabiting; attends Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation) and is not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

HOW TO CHOOSE A SPONSOR

- ☐ **Pray to the Holy Spirit** and ask him to reveal who in your life might be able to serve as your sponsor;
- ☐ **Consider your godparents;** if either of them are practicing their faith and willing, they are fantastic choices for your sponsor.
- ☐ **Consider aunts, uncles, family friends who often share their faith and attend Mass regularly,** these adults who are **strong in their faith** will be able to lead you closer to God;
- ☐ If you and your family need help finding someone to serve as your sponsor, make sure they indicate this on the registration form and we will make sure you get one

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Promise of Enrolment Form

(please print clearly)

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My name is _____ Age _____

I attend grade _____ at _____ School.

My teacher's name is _____.

My phone number is _____.

My email address is _____.

I make the following agreement:

1. I will go to Sunday Mass each week and have my passport stamped
2. I will attend Confirmation preparation classes and I will participate in them to the best of my ability.
3. I will pray regularly and I will attempt to show love for others.
4. I will become more aware of my Christian responsibility by responding to a need in my community, parish or home through involvement in Ministries at the Church.

In keeping with the terms of these promises, I ask for the assistance of my family and friends, as well as for the help of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Witness by a Parent or Sponsor: _____