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Good Shepherd Parish ~ 21 Simonston Blvd. ~ Thornhill ~ Ontario

CONFIRMATION INFORMATION MEETING

Dear Parents/Guardians and potential Confirmation 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 Confirmation as a sacrament. At Good Shepherd Parish, there will be an important information meeting on Monday October 7, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. Only children whose families are registered and who attend Good Shepherd Parish will receive the sacraments in our parish. This is in compliance with Archdiocesan directives. If your child is no longer in Grade 7 and has yet to receive the sacrament of Confirmation, please also attend this meeting.

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 singers 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 will guide you through the Sacramental preparation program, Special attention will be directed to the enrollment ceremony, class dates, retreats, texts to be used, assignments, payment, service acts, etc. There will be ample time for questions after the presentation.

We understand that the decision to have your child confirmed is an important one that should be made with the involvement of both parents/guardians and child. Below you will find a few bullet points that will aid in your decision to have your child receive the sacrament of Confirmation at Good Shepherd Parish:

- Participants and their families are expected to attend weekly mass.
- Confirmation will take place on Sunday, May 31, 2020.
- Approximately 10 classes will be held on various Mondays and Wednesdays starting November 2019.
- Classes will be from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.
- Attendance at Confirmation Class is mandatory.
- There is a \$50.00 fee that covers the cost of the text, materials, gowns rentals etc.
- An enrollment ceremony will take place during the 11am Mass on November 10, 2019.
- A confirmation retreat/rehearsal will take place on Sunday May 24th and 25th 2020, details to follow.
- Participants must provide a copy of their Baptismal Certificate

Please note, that this meeting on Monday October 7 2019 is for parent(s)/guardian(s) only. A registration package will be given at the meeting and through the church office beginning on Wednesday October 9 2019.

Confirmation registration will take place after Sunday masses on October 20th and October 27 2019. At this time are asked to bring a copy of your child's original Baptismal certificate a completed registration package and \$50.00 (cash or cheque payable to "The Church of the Good Shepherd").

If you have any questions we strongly encourage you to attend the meeting, and we look forward to working you.

For more Information, email flock.gsp@gmail.com

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