

**CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION AND/OR FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION  
AT ST. BASILS PARISH IN BRANTFORD**

Dear Parent/Guardian:

It is with great joy that I write to you at the beginning of this school year to share some information about the parish's sacramental preparation programmes to begin in the parish this fall.

The immediate preparation for the sacraments is the responsibility of the parents. Acknowledging this fact, the parish takes very seriously its responsibility in assisting the parents in this community of faith with this fundamental role. At St. Basils Parish, all parents/guardians wishing to prepare their children to celebrate Confirmation or First Communion and Reconciliation are invited to attend an important information meeting.

It should be noted that those who wish to have their children prepared at St. Basils Parish must be attending Sunday Mass at St. Basils Parish regularly or live within the parish's boundaries.

Please take note of the following dates and plan to attend the mandatory information meeting. Please note that if you have a child preparing for Confirmation and another child preparing for First Communion you **must attend two different meetings** because the preparation for these two sacraments is different.

During this meeting, details will be provided regarding registration, expectations, materials and dates for our sacramental programmes. **Please bring a photocopy of your child's baptismal certificate with the completed registration form to the meeting.**

**FIRST COMMUNION AND RECONCILIATION**

If your child was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and was born in 2011 (Grade 2) or earlier and you wish to prepare your child to celebrate First Holy Communion, please attend the Parent Information Meeting in the parish church on:

**Wednesday, November 7th, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:00 pm**

Information regarding preparing your child to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession) will be shared at this meeting.

**CONFIRMATION**

If your child was baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and born in 2006 (Grade 7) or earlier and you wish to prepare your child to celebrate Confirmation, please attend the Parent Information Meeting in the parish church with your child on:

**Wednesday, November 21st, 2018 from 7:00 pm to 8:00 pm**