

CONFIRMATION 2021

Requirements

1) ASSIGNED READINGS:

The Confirmation student workbook, with all the assigned readings, is called "**Decision Point**" and is published by Dynamic Catholic. It can be picked up at the parish office when you drop off the registration forms with a cheque for \$40.00.

2) IMPORTANT DATES:

The following requirements need to be met in order for sacramental preparation to be complete:

- November 23** Parent Information/Registration Session (7 p.m. Zoom meeting)
If you have not submitted a registration form to parish office by November 20, be sure to contact Louis Kloster at lpkloster@gmail.com and give him your email address so that a Zoom invitation may be sent to you prior to the meeting. (Your child is welcome to attend the Zoom meeting, but is not required to do so.)
- December 7** Class 1: Monday 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by Zoom
- January 4** Class 2: Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by Zoom
- February 1** Class 3: Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by Zoom
- March 1** Class 4: Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by Zoom
- April 5** Class 5: Monday, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. by Zoom
- May 1** Confirmation Retreat, 11:00 - 4:00 p.m. in parish basement, in-person, only if COVID restrictions have been lifted. Parents would be required to attend only the Instructional Mass and Confirmation Rehearsal from 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. in the main body of the church. Confirmants would remain until 4 p.m. A pizza lunch would be provided.
- If COVID restrictions are still in place, the retreat will be cancelled, and the last class would be held by Zoom on **Monday, May 3** at 7 p.m.
- May 13** Reconciliation Service: Thursday, 6:30 p.m. at St. Vital Church, dependent on COVID restrictions. If COVID restrictions are still in place, Father Arlan will hear confessions at Mother d'Youville School during school hours during the week. Confirmation candidates who do not attend Mother d'Youville School would schedule an appointment with Fr. Arlan through the parish office (780-929-8541) on an evening. More details to follow.
- May 15/16** Confirmation Mass; St. Vital Parish
(for parents and Confirmation candidates)
If COVID restrictions are still in effect, two masses will be held, one on Saturday at 3 p.m. and the second on Sunday at 3 p.m.

3) PARENTS:

The following are parent responsibilities:

- Submit registration forms by Tuesday, December 1. Other materials, such as sponsor forms and volunteer/community hours, can be submitted later. (See 'Paperwork' below.)
- Closely monitor the completion of your child's homework, ensuring that it has been done completely and to the best of their ability.
- Supervise and sign off on volunteer / community hours.
- Attend reconciliation service with your child on Wednesday, May 13 at 6:30 p.m.
- Attend instructional mass and rehearsal. May 1 from 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

4) VOLUNTEER COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

- Confirmation Candidates are required to complete twenty hours of volunteer/community service and to keep a record of these hours on the form provided. The form will be need to be completed and submitted by May 1. If COVID restrictions are still in place, and we are not meeting in-person, Mother d'Youville students can submit the sheet to Mrs. Rastovski or Mrs. Nordhagen at school. For those who do not attend Mother d'Youville School, the document can be scanned and emailed to Louis Kloster at lpkloster@gmail.com.

5) PAPERWORK

The following documents are required and need to be submitted to the parish office:

- Registration Form with **BOTH** parents' signatures (at time of registration, no later than Tuesday, December 1)
- Registration Fee \$40 (cash or cheque; at time of registration, due by December 1)
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate (at time of registration, due by December 1)
- Sponsor Form (by first confirmation class, due by December 7)
- Volunteer Hours (at the retreat, due by May 1)
- Letter to the Archbishop (the day of Confirmation, weekend of May 15/16)

Confirmation Form — Appendix 611A

A copy of the Baptism Certificate is required at the time of registration.

Correct spelling of all names is very important

Name of Candidate: _____		<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F
Last Name	Given Name(s)	
Birth: _____	Place of Birth: _____	Age at Confirmation: _____
Date (dd/mmm/yy)	City/Town	Province
Father's Name: _____		Religion: _____
Last Name	Given Name(s)	
Mother's Name: _____		Religion: _____
Maiden Name	Given Name(s)	
Baptism: _____	Name of Church: _____	City/Town: _____
Date (dd/mmm/yy)		Province
Home Address: _____		
Street Address	City/Town	Province Postal Code
Email(s): _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	<input type="checkbox"/> Father
Phone Number(s): (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Mother	
(home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Father	

Was the Child Baptized in an Eastern Catholic Church? Y N

If yes, Confirmation was conferred at the time of Baptism. The Sacrament of Confirmation is not repeated.

Was the child Baptized in the Orthodox Church? Y N Confirmed? Y N

If yes, when making a Profession of Faith, the child is ascribed to the corresponding Eastern Church *sui iuris* within the Catholic Church.

Was the child Baptized in another Christian ecclesial community? Y N

If yes: _____
Denomination

When making a Profession of Faith the child is received into the Roman Catholic Church.

Has the child received First Reconciliation? Y N

First Holy Eucharist? Y N

SPONSOR:

It is desirable that the sponsor chosen be the one who undertook this role at baptism (c.893 §2).

One sponsor, male or female, is sufficient. (cf. c.873) but there may be two, one of each sex (c.873).

The sponsor must NOT be either the father or the mother of the one to be confirmed (c.874 §1,5°).

The sponsor must have received the sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist, be a practicing Catholic, and be at least 16 years of age (c.874).

_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Testimonial of Suitability by Parent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Last Name	First Name(s)		
_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> M <input type="checkbox"/> F	Testimonial of Suitability by Parent(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
Last Name	First Name(s)		

Learning needs

School Child is attending: _____ Grade: _____

Does your child have any diverse learning needs that would be helpful for the team to be aware of? (for example: ADD, ADHD, ODD, OCD, reading or writing difficulties, etc.)

Any information shared will remain strictly confidential.

Food allergies or dislikes

Permission of Parents for the child:

- to make a Profession of Faith
- to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

Father (signature)

Mother (signature)

For Parish Office Use Only

Date of Confirmation (dd/mmm/yy): _____

Place of Confirmation: _____

To be conferred by: _____

Permission to confer the Sacrament of Confirmation granted on (dd/mmm/yy): _____

to: _____
Name of Priest

by _____
Archbishop / Delegate

Received by: Initials

St. Vital

4905-50 Street - Beaumont AB T4X 1J9
 Phone: (780) 929-8541 FAX: (780) 929-2915

Census Form

Personal Information

Family Name:	Reg. Date:
Mailing Name:	Donation Envelopes: <input type="checkbox"/> Yes/No <input type="checkbox"/>
Mailing Address:	Home Phone:
City/Prov/Postal:	Home Fax:
	Mass of Choice:

For Each Family Member, list the details on each person, start with the Envelope Holder, include all children, or other relatives living in the same household/family. Last Updated: yyyy/mm/dd

	Family Member	Family Member	Family Member	Family Member
Last Name				
First Name				
Middle Names				
Gender M / F	<input type="checkbox"/> Male/ <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male/ <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male/ <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<input type="checkbox"/> Male/ <input type="checkbox"/> Female
Date of Birth <small>yyyy/mm/dd</small>	<small>yyyy/mm/dd</small>	<small>yyyy/mm/dd</small>	<small>yyyy/mm/dd</small>	<small>yyyy/mm/dd</small>
Marital Status				
Family Relation				
Parishioner (Y/N)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/ <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/ <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/ <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes/ <input type="checkbox"/> No
Envelope#				
Religion				
Occupation				
Bus. Phone				
Bus. Fax				
Cell Phone				
School + Grade				
Email Address				
Maiden Name	<input type="checkbox"/> Living at home	<input type="checkbox"/> Living at home	<input type="checkbox"/> Living at home	<input type="checkbox"/> Living at home

Letter to the Bishop

You are free to respond to God's call to live your faith more deeply – to worship, witness and serve as a confirmed Catholic Christian. If you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, write a formal letter of request to Bishop Greg Bittman, stating your desire to be confirmed.

Follow these guidelines:

GREETING

Begin your letter with the greeting: Your Excellency, Dear Bishop Greg Bittman ...

BODY OF THE LETTER

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Say something about your family or your background.

Paragraph 2: Request the sacrament. Give several reasons why you would like to be confirmed.

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours done at home, in the community and in the parish, etc.

Paragraph 4: Tell how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit. Tell how you plan to make your Confirmation in the Faith real and alive in your life.

CONCLUSION

Conclude the letter and write your complete signature.

ALSO, Please be sure to check your spelling and grammar. Letter can be handwritten or typed out. Place in a sealed envelope. *(with name on outside)*

>> See sample Letter (turn over) <<

Your Excellency,

Hello. My name is John Smith. I am currently in 6th grade at EMDYS. My family and I belong to St. Vital Parish in Beaumont, AB. I have an older brother and a younger sister. I have lived in Beaumont for about three years. I enjoy playing sports, watching TV, and having fun with my friends.

I am writing you today to request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. I want to be confirmed because I want to deepen my relationship with Jesus. I know that when I receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit, I will be more fully equipped to face the challenges that I will have in the future. I want my Catholic Faith to always be a big part of my life, and I know that Confirmation will give me the grace I need to keep it like that.

I have done a lot of work in preparation for Confirmation. I began my preparation in December 2017, reviewing important information about Jesus, the Bible, and the Church. I completed all my class assignments and homework, which taught me a great deal about the Faith. I also completed 20 hours of volunteer service helping with K4J program at the church. Volunteering helped me see the importance of serving others, which is something Jesus always likes to see.

Once I am confirmed, I will continue to live my Catholic Faith for the rest of my life. I will go to Mass on Sundays, and try to make it to Confession more often. I will continue to learn about my Faith by reading the Bible and listening more closely to those who talk to me about doing the will of God. I look forward to meeting you when you come to our Church to celebrate Confirmation.

Sincerely in Christ,



John Smith



Confirmation Community Service Hours

NAME: _____

You are encouraged and required to complete **20 Hours** of Volunteer Community Service before the Confirmation Retreat. This sheet is to be handed into a Confirmation Team member by the Retreat date.

	Type of Service	Date	Hours	Location	Signature of Parent
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Suggestions of Service Hours of confirmands in the past:

- Housework
- Snow Removal
- Reconciliation/Communion Class Youth Leader at St. Vital Parish
- Captain Leader at K4J (Kids for Jesus at St. Vital)
- Altar Serving
- Set Up and Clean up at church events
- Helping at Seniors Center or Home
- Dog Walking
- Picking up Dog feces
- Baby Sitting
- Helping at school or for teachers
- Helping relatives or Grandparents or neighbors
- Spring and yard Cleaning
- Walking child to school
- Reading buddy
- Lunch supervision
- Library (School or Public)
- Hope Mission
- Ronald MacDonald House
- The Mustard Seed
- The Stollery
- Santa Anonymous
- Hockey Events
- Help with Sporting Team (Baseball, basketball, football, etc)



Parent's Responsibilities

Homework – Must be done with a parent or sponsor. Engage child with provided questions in workbook and watch videos online or through the app. Monitor homework closely. Provide guidance and encouragement. Set high expectations. Help your child establish a routine in completing homework.

Attend mass – Weekend mass attendance is very important (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2180). There are 3 masses offered each weekend for you to choose from; Saturday (5pm) /Sunday (9am and 11am). If it is not possible, neighboring Parishes (Leduc, Millwoods, The Meadows) offer other time options as well.

Community Service Hours – support and encouragement for your child. Sign off on the time sheet. We would like your child to make service a habit, so it is preferred that this service be spread out over month.

Paperwork – Ensure to fill in and return all paperwork at set due dates.

Class Attendance – Ensure your child comes to ALL the classes. If your child will miss due to an extraordinary circumstance, contact Louis (phone (780-929-6024), text (780-691-6506) or email lpkloster@gmail.com). (Complete work that was missed in the class.)

Prayers and Encouragement – Important to remember, God is our Father and he loves us very much. We need His Grace! Ask for this free gift of grace and continuously pray for your child, the sponsors and the team leaders.

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Confirmand's Responsibilities

Sponsor – Choose one or two people who are strong in their Catholic Faith. Someone who will encourage you this year and for years to come. Call upon them whenever you have a challenging question or need support and encouragement.

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Attend mass – Weekend mass attendance is very important (Catechism of the Catholic Church # 2180). Encourage your parents to take you every Weekend! You are a part of the Body of Christ and we miss you when you are away!

Community Service Hours – Choose activities that will utilise your gifts and make a positive difference. Somewhere you can really be impactful! Complete 20 hours of service between December to May. Fill in and have parents sign off on the time sheet.

Class Attendance – Show up on time for all the classes and the retreat, preferably 10 minutes prior. Bring your workbook and a bible. Leave all devices at home. Come with a willingness to learn and be open to the Holy Spirit.

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Reconciliation (Confession) – Receive Reconciliation throughout the year. And most importantly, go to confession prior to receiving Confirmation – an opportunity will be available at the retreat weekend.

Prayers and Encouragement – There are many people supporting you on your journey. Be sure to pray for your parents, teachers, team leaders, Fr. Arlan and your fellow confirmands.



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ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

- Must belong to the Catholic Church, be 16 years of age or older and be fully initiated themselves having received Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation, and regularly participate in the sacraments.
- Will support the candidate being confirmed in their commitment to a Catholic life.
- Know the candidate and be willing to serve as a strong and long lasting Catholic influence on the candidate.
- May be either male or female for any candidate.
- May be the baptismal Godparent, thus emphasizing more clearly the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation.
- May not be the Parents of the candidate. The sponsor is supposed to be an additional support, just like a Godparent at Baptism.
- Will encourage the candidate by forming a relationship based on their shared faith.
- Presents the candidate to the Bishop at Confirmation, if unable to do so a Proxy may fill in.

**SPONSORS AFFIRMATION FORM
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

> Please Print Clearly <

Name of Candidate for Confirmation _____

Name of Sponsor for Confirmation _____

STATEMENT OF SPONSOR

I hereby attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic Faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; and that I meet the fundamental obligations as a Catholic by regularly participating in Sunday Mass, by receiving the Eucharist often, by being open to the Word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be of service to others for the love of Him.

I recognize that in accepting the role of sacramental sponsor, I become responsible to give good example to the Candidate as a committed and active Catholic and to be support to his/her parents in the practice of mutual faith.

Signature of Sponsor _____

Sponsors must provide:

Their Baptism Date and Parish of Baptism

Their Confirmation Date and Parish Confirmed

> Form must be returned to Parish by December 2014 <



Important Dates

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Please mark your calendars!



Class Sessions

Please mark your calendars! The following sessions will be covered at Zoom meetings until COVID restrictions are lifted. If any extraordinary circumstances arise that prevent your child from joining the class, please contact Louis ASAP. Also, the material will need to be covered at home.

1. December 7 Session 1 – Life is Choices
2. January 4 Session 3 – The Jesus Question
3. February 1 Session 5 – The Bible
4. March 1 Session 8 – The Holy Spirit
5. April 5 Session 10 - Confirmation
6. May 1 Session 12 – Holiness is Possible (Retreat Day)

Note: If we are still following COVID restrictions on May 1, our retreat will be cancelled and our last session will be held by Zoom on Monday, May 3 @ 7 p.m.

** - Know that the team is here to **support** you in your journey as a family. If at any time you need support or direction, please contact - Louis Kloster by email:

lpkloster@gmail.com or by phone: 780-929-6024 **

Monthly Confirmation homework

All assigned reading is **due by the date** indicated below. An alternative to reading the text in the student workbook is to watch or listen to the lesson online or through the app.

**Online - <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view>
OR
App – “Decision Point – Catholic App”**



January 4 ~ Mandatory completion – Session 2. What’s Holding You Back?

February 1 ~ Mandatory completion – Session 4. The Prayer Process

March 1 ~ Mandatory completion – Session 6. Relationships AND Session 7. The Eucharist

April 5 ~ Mandatory completion – Session 9. The Church

May 1 (Retreat) ~ Mandatory completion – Session 11. Made for Mission

Note: Volunteer Community Service hours should be completed by this time. Please submit your record of service hours no later than May 1.

May 15 (Confirmation Day) ~ Your letter to the Archbishop must be submitted on this day.

Hello Parents of Confirmation Candidates,

In order to involve our whole church community in the Confirmation of our candidates, we would like to prepare an interactive poster to be posted in the church. In this way the preparation towards this monumental event can then be celebrated by and involve our whole church community.

A picture of each candidate will be placed on the poster with an area for church members to offer written words of welcome, encouragement and prayers.

In order to place your child's photo on the poster, we must have your permission. We must also have your consent to allow parishioners to write a note for your child.

Please return the completed form with your registration prior to November 22nd.

Thank you

Your confirmation committee,

Father Arlan Parenteau, Louis Kloster, Jo-Anne Hendriks, Angela Rastovski and Pamela Furlotte

_____ YES, a picture may be taken of my child and posted in the church.

_____ NO, I do not want my child's picture taken and posted in the church.

_____ YES, the parish community members may encourage my child in writing.

_____ NO, I do not want the parish community members to encourage my child in writing.

Printed Name of Candidate

Printed Name of Parent

Signature of Parent

