

# † St. Michael's Roman Catholic Church

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September 2023



Dear Parents:

As pastor of St. Michael's Parish and with the support and engagement of you as parents, your child's sponsor, and Catholic school community, our parish looks forward to assisting your child to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your child who is in Grade 7, is a potential candidate for the reception of the **Sacrament of Confirmation** next year (April 2024).

All parishes of the Peterborough Diocese are offering a parish-based Sacramental Preparation Program that is consistent in how young people prepare and in what they receive as faith formation. This initiative is designed to assist at the home, school and parish in nurturing the faith of your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the parishes provide the Sacramental Preparation Program for your child. The Sacramental Preparation Program will be offered at the parishes and supported by the schools.

There will be a **Confirmation Information Night for Parents, Candidates** (students preparing for Confirmation), and Sponsors (if possible) on **Wednesday September 27, 2023 at 6:00 pm in the Parish Centre**, to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program.

There is a fee of \$50 for the Sacramental Preparation Program to help offset some of the cost of the materials. *If this expense poses a concern or challenge for your family, Please feel free to speak with me.*

As Pastor, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop to pastorally implement the Code of Canon Law and Diocesan Policies and to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of this sacrament for your child. ***If your child has not been baptized or received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, I encourage you to contact me at your earliest convenience.*** I look forward to meeting you.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation and celebrating this gift of God's grace with your child and your family. If you or family member, who is older than grade 7, are interested in receiving

that sacrament of Confirmation, Holy Eucharist, or in becoming Catholic, please contact the office.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome at St. Michael's.

Yours in Christ,



Fr. Emmanuel Okpataku, Pastor

<b>PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT</b>	<b>September 27 St. Michael's Parish Centre 6:10 pm</b>	
<b>SESSION #</b>	<b>Lesson#</b>	<b>Wednesday's in the Church 6:10-7:45 pm</b>
Session 1	1 & 2	October 11
Session 2	3 & 4	October 25
Session 3	5 & 6	November 8
Session 4	7 & 8	November 22
Session 5	9 & 10	December 6
Session 6	11 & 12	December 20
Session 7	13 & 14	January 10
Session 8	15 & 16	January 24
Session 9	17 & 18	February 7
Session 10	19 & 20	February 21
Session 11	21 & 22	March 6
Session 12	23 & 24	March 20
<b>Retreat Day (Compulsory)</b>	<b>Saturday, April 13, 2024 at 10:00 am -12:30 pm St. Michael's Parish Centre</b>	
<b>Sacrament of Confirmation</b>	<b>Sunday April 21, 2024 at 11:00 am St. Michael's Church</b>	

In preparing to choose a sponsor please not the following:

**Requirements for Sponsors (according to Canon Law)**

The candidate's sponsor:

- Must be at least 16 years old,
- is a practicing Catholic
- has received the:
  - Sacraments of Baptism
  - First Communion
  - Confirmation
- Is leading a life in harmony with the Roman Catholic faith.  
is **not** a parent of the candidate



## CONFIRMATION FORM

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*Date of Confirmation: Sunday, April 21, 2024 at 11:00 am  
at St. Michael's Church, Cobourg.*

Child's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Confirmation Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Sponsor's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

\*In accord with Canon Law 874 & 893, **The Sponsor MUST BE:**

- At least sixteen years of age,
- Be a catholic who has been confirmed and has received the blessed Eucharist, and who lives a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken;
- Not under a canonical penalty, whether imposed or declared;
- Not be either the father or the mother of the person to be confirmed.

Student's  
Complete Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_

Church of Baptism: \_\_\_\_\_

*PLEASE PROVIDE COPY OF BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE*

Father's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Religion: \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return form by October 6, 2023**

**NOTE: Confirmation Retreat Date April 13, 2024**