

September 27, 2025

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St. Gerard's Catholic Church

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Dear parents/guardians,

Thank-you for registering your child in our Confirmation preparation program. We are grateful for the opportunity to walk alongside your family during this important stage of your child's faith journey.

The purpose of this letter is twofold:

1. **To outline the next steps** you will need to take to ensure your child is ready for the program.
2. **To highlight key dates** related to this program so that you can mark your calendars in advance.

By keeping these next steps and key dates in mind, you will help make the preparation process smooth and meaningful for both your child and your family.

Next Steps

Next Step	Due Date
Complete the Parent Information Form and return to our office drop off or via email: pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca	October 6, 2025
Help your child complete the Candidate Application Form and return to our office drop off or via email: pastoral.coordinator@stgerards.ca	October 6, 2025
Use the Discipleship Project Worksheet to help your child choose their discipleship project	Gathering 2 November 8, 2025
Use the How to Choose a Confirmation Saint Worksheet to help your child pick their Confirmation saint	Gathering 5 February 21, 2026
Use the How to Choose a Confirmation Sponsor Worksheet to help your child pick their Confirmation sponsor	Gathering 3 December 6, 2025

Key Dates

Event	Date
Parent Retreat	September 27, 2025
Gathering 1	October 18, 2025
Gathering 2	November 8, 2025
Gathering 3	December 6, 2025
Gathering 4	January 24, 2026
Gathering 5	February 21, 2026
Gathering 6	March 14, 2026
Candidate Retreat	March 21, 2026
Parish Retreat / Rehearsal (one week before Confirmation)	TBA
Sacrament of Confirmation (January /February 2026 TBA)	May / June TBA

We encourage you to accompany your child throughout this program by talking with them about what they are learning and how they are growing. Praying together, attending weekly Mass as a family, and sharing your own faith journey are also powerful ways to support their preparation for Confirmation.

If you have any questions about the program or the information shared here, please feel free to contact me.

May our Lord Jesus Christ bless all our efforts and, most especially, your child as we prepare together for the great gift of Confirmation.

Sincerely,

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