

IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY CATHOLIC PARISH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM 2019



Confirmation is a time when young people stand up and take ownership of their faith journey. Baptism, the Eucharist, and Confirmation are the sacraments of Christian initiation. Confirmation is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace. By the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. They are, as true witnesses of Christ, called to spread and defend the faith by word and deed.

Confirmation will be celebrated at IHM Sefton Parish on Tuesday 25th June at 7pm. Catholic Christians in Year Six and above who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion are eligible to enrol in the Confirmation Program.

The program begins with an evening meeting for parents only. It continues with 4 small group sessions for parents and child, one per week over four weeks. Each of these weeks begins with attendance at Sunday Mass. The program continues with a Retreat Day and the Sacrament of Reconciliation as preparation for the Sacrament. Active participation in all steps of the Preparation Program is essential. Program details:

Parent Night:	Wednesday 22nd May, 7pm in the Oblate Rooms beside the church - receive information, and materials.
Commitment Sunday:	all Masses on 25th /26th May- Presentation of the candidates to the Parish.
Sunday Mass each week	
Four Group sessions: (Sunday or Wednesday)	26th May 11am, or 29th May 6pm 2nd June 11am, or 5th June 6pm 9th June 11am, or 12th June 6pm 16th June 11am, or 19th June 6pm
Retreat	Tuesday 25th June 9am-3pm Oblate Rooms includes Reconciliation
<u>Confirmation Ceremony Tuesday 25th June, 7pm</u>	



As well as receiving the seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit – Wisdom, Understanding, Counsel, Fortitude, Knowledge, Piety and Fear of the Lord – a Confirmation name must be selected.

Choosing a Confirmation name is an opportunity to choose a name that has special meaning to you, a name that will help you in your journey of faith. By choosing a saint's name, you're asking him or her to pray for you in a special way.

Confirmation Saint Project - As part to of the Confirmation Preparation Program children will be asked to complete a short Project (no more than one A4 page). Consider: Why did you choose this saint to be your Confirmation saint? What did they do? What qualities did they have- what was good about them?

What did you find inspiring about their life and faith journey? How were they a witness to Jesus? How did they pray? What did they do when things went right and what did they do when things went wrong?

Useful websites: <http://catholicsaints.info/calendar-of-saints/> <http://catholicsaints.info/>

<https://www.franciscanmedia.org/sod-calendar>

Submit application by 3rd May 2019

Lodge completed form in the Parish Office (Presbytery) along with a copy of the child's Baptismal Certificate if not submitted with previous sacraments at the Parish.

To complete enrolment you will need:

- Completed Application Form
- On the Application Form indicate preferred day for group session
- A copy of applicant's Baptismal Certificate (if not Baptised in Sefton)
- A copy of applicant's First Communion Certificate (if not in Sefton)