



St. Ignatius Loyola
Roman Catholic Church

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Dear Candidates for Confirmation and Dear Parents:

Warm greetings to you at the beginning of this new school year!

As pastor of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish, it is with great joy that I invite all Grade 7 students to begin the process of preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation is a profound step in your faith journey, a time when you are invited to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit in a deeper and more life-giving way.

In the coming months, we will offer a preparation program that will guide you through the teachings of the Church, help you grow in your relationship with God, and prepare you for the grace-filled experience of receiving this Sacrament.

I hope you see this as an exciting time in your journey of faith. At your Baptism, as well as your First Communion, we looked forward to this day when you could choose for yourself the opportunity to fully celebrate your faith as a Catholic Christian. This Sacrament strengthens the Holy Spirit within you, affirms your commitment to Christ, empowers you to live out your faith, deepens your bond with the Church, and provides you with the courage to witness Christ in your life.

With this in mind, I encourage you to continue and deepen your daily prayer life, always anchored in the Sunday Eucharist here at St. Ignatius Loyola. It is my hope to come to know you and your families more closely during this preparation.

Enclosed with this letter are all the details you will need to navigate the process. Our first and very important step is the Registration and Information Meeting. **Registration will open on Monday, October 5th at 8:00 a.m., and will close on Monday, November 16th.** The Information meeting will take place on **Tuesday, November 24th or Wednesday, November 25th.** Each Confirmation Candidate, along with at least one parent, must attend.

I invite each candidate to begin prayerfully considering who they might choose as a Confirmation Sponsor. A sponsor should be a role model in the faith—someone who lives as a full and active member of the Church and can support the candidate in their faith journey. The sponsor selection process will be introduced in February, with further guidance and instructions to help candidates thoughtfully discern their choice.

The resource we use for our preparation program is, "Decision Point" by Dynamic Catholic. Each student will receive a copy at the information meeting. Fr. Tobias Ndabhatinya, our Associate Pastor, will be using this text during his feeder school visits and in the five mandatory sessions here at the parish.

There are several steps in the journey, and only after these have been completed will candidates be accepted for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2027, which will take place at St. Ignatius Loyola Church on one of the following dates:

Tuesday, May 18th or Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m.

I pray that this will be a grace-filled experience for everyone involved. May the Holy Spirit accompany each of us throughout this process, and may the Lord bless you and your families in the year ahead.

Sincerely yours in the Lord,

Father Edward Curtis
Pastor, St. Ignatius Loyola Parish

Registration Requirements

Requirements for registration are:

- Be registered, practicing members of St. Ignatius Loyola Parish
- Regular attendance at Sunday Mass
- Complete the Sacramental Preparation Form via Google Forms, *including submission of your child's baptismal certificate*
- Attend the **mandatory** Registration and Parent & Student Meeting on November 24th/25th, 2026.

During the mandatory parent information session on November 24th/25th, 2026:

- Confirm your child's information
- Submit registration fee of \$60 (cash or cheque, payable to St. Ignatius Loyola Parish)
- Receive the preparation resources

The completed Google Form needs to be submitted by **Monday November 16th** in order for your child to be registered to the Confirmation Preparation classes for 2026/2027. **No late registrations will be accepted.**

Registration Checklist

- ☐ Fill out the online Registration Form via Google Forms, including submission of your child's baptismal certificate, and information about the Candidate's selected sponsor by **Monday, November 16th, 2026**
- ☐ Verify your child's information via email by November 20th. (An email will be sent to the primary email address provided shortly after completion of the online registration form. The email will come from msiuchong@archtoronto.org)
- ☐ Review the applicable schedule (see attached) and mark your calendars for all meeting dates. Please take note of the shaded blocks, which gives options of two different dates for the group Church sessions
- ☐ Attend the Registration and Parent & Student Meeting on November 24th OR 25th, 2026
- ☐ Submit \$60 registration fee at the Registration Meeting
- ☐ Select Confirmation Mass date at Registration Meeting (Tuesday May 18th OR Wednesday May 19th, 2027)

Registration Form

Click [here](#), visit the Parish Website (<https://stignatiusloyolami.archtoronto.org>), or scan the below QR Code to access the online registration form:



If you have any questions, please contact Melissa Siu-Chong, our Lay Pastoral Associate at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

General Q&A

What resource will be used to prepare the 2026/2027 students for Confirmation?

The program we will be using is called [Decision Point](#). Students will receive a physical copy of the resource at the Registration/Information session happening in November. The videos are available [online](#). Students will also receive a copy of the Sunday Missal for Young Catholics, which will help guide them through Mass.

When will registration open?

Online registration will open on **Monday October 5th, 2026**. Note: Candidates must upload a copy of their Baptismal Certificate when completing the online form. If families have misplaced this document, they must contact the Parish where the Candidate was baptized to receive an updated copy. **Registration will close on Monday November 16th, 2026.** Late registrants will not be accepted.

Who can register for this Confirmation program?

Latin Rite Roman Catholics who are in grade 7 (or older) that have received the Sacrament of Baptism and First Holy Communion, who also attend one of our feeder schools (All Saints, St. Clare, or St. Mark) and/or lives within the [Parish boundaries](#) may register for this preparation program. If the student is *not* Latin Rite Roman Catholic and would like to participate, please email our Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

If the Candidate goes to a school that is *not* one of our feeder schools and/or if the Candidate is in a grade older than 7, they will be required to attend the 8 x sessions at the Parish Hall in addition to the 4 x group sessions. Kindly see below for this schedule:

Non-Feeder School Sessions (8 x Wednesdays from 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM, St. Ignatius Loyola Boardroom):

- January 27, February 3, February 17, February 24, March 3, April 7, April 28, May 5

Who is eligible to be a Sponsor?

The following are the requirements in order for a Catholic to be a godparent (Canon 874 §1):

- Is at least 16 years of age
- Is fully initiated in the Catholic Church (received Baptism, Holy Communion, and Confirmation)
- Is in good standing with the Catholic Church: live a life of faith which befits the role to be undertaken; not under canonical penalty - not the father or mother of the one to be confirmed.

When will I choose my Sponsor?

The sponsor selection process will be introduced in class in February. Students will be given time to prayerfully consider and discern their choice, including the qualities of someone who can support them in their faith journey. **We encourage students to wait until the process has been introduced before approaching someone to ask them to be their sponsor**, so that they have an opportunity to thoughtfully consider their choice. Once a student has selected a sponsor and confirmed that the person is eligible and willing to take on the role, the student must complete the Confirmation Sponsor Google Form by March 29, 2027 (Easter Monday). A letter with further instructions will be provided closer to the date.

What is the cost of this program?

The cost of this program is \$60 (cash or cheque) per student. Cheques should be payable to “St. Ignatius Loyola Parish”. This cost includes the program’s resource, Sunday Missal, retreat fee, and the Candidate’s gown for the day of their Confirmation.

What if the Candidate misses a class?

Candidates are expected to make every effort to attend all Confirmation preparation sessions. We understand that unforeseen circumstances may arise. If a Candidate is unable to attend a session, whether at the school or parish, please email our Lay Pastoral Associate, Melissa, at msiuchong@archtoronto.org as soon as possible.

All required preparation sessions count toward attendance, including group sessions, RCIC classes, and feeder school visits. Candidates who miss two or more required sessions will not be eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Attendance at the Confirmation Retreat on Tuesday, May 11, 2027, is mandatory.

When will the Confirmation Mass take place?

Families can select between Tuesday, May 18th or Wednesday, May 19th, 2027. Dates will be available on a first-come, first-served basis at the registration meeting.

I have more questions... Who should I contact?

Please call the Parish Office at 905-820-1444 or email our Lay Pastoral Associate Melissa at msiuchong@archtoronto.org.

Confirmation Preparation Classes at St. Ignatius Loyola Parish – RCIC 2026/2027 Schedule

RCIC classes are for students that attend a non-feeder school and/or are in a grade other than 7.

Date	Program	Place	Time
Tues Nov 24, 2026 OR Wed Nov 25, 2026	Registration/Information Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools Candidate & One Parent	Church (Front Foyer)	Registration: 6:30 PM – 7:00 PM Meeting: 7:00 PM
Nov 28/29, 2026 OR Dec 5/6, 2026	Return Commitment Forms at any Sunday Mass Presentation of the Cross	Church	Sat 5:00 PM Sun 7:45 AM, 9:00 AM, 10:30 AM, 12:00 Noon
Mon Jan 18, 2027 OR Tues Jan 19, 2027	Group Prep Class – 1 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.1 Life is Choices	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Wed Jan 27, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 1 S.2 What's holding you back?	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Wed Feb 3, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 2 S.3 The Jesus Question	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Mon Feb 8, 2027 OR Tues Feb 9, 2027	Group Prep Class – 2 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.4 The Prayer Process	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Wed Feb 17, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 3 S.5 The Bible	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Week of Feb 21	Confirmation Sponsor Google Form released, Online		See letter for instructions
Wed Feb 24, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 4 S.6 Relationships	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Wed Mar 3, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 5 S.7 The Eucharist	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Mon Mar 8, 2027 OR Tues Mar 9, 2027	Group Prep Class – 3 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.8 The Holy Spirit	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Week of Mar 14	NO CLASS – MARCH BREAK		
Week of Mar 21	NO CLASS – HOLY WEEK		
MONDAY MARCH 29	Confirmation Sponsor Google Form due by 11:59 pm, online		
Wed Apr 7, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 6 S.9 The Church	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Mon Apr 12, 2027 OR Tues Apr 13, 2027	Group Prep Class – 4 Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools S.10 Confirmation	Parish Hall	7:00 PM – 8:30 PM
Wed Apr 28, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 7 S.11 Made for Mission	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Wed May 5, 2027	Non-Feeder School - Session 8 S.12 Holiness is Possible	Boardroom (Front entrance)	4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Tues May 11, 2027	Confirmation Retreat & Rehearsal Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools Parents & Sponsor to attend the Rehearsal from 8:15pm	Retreat: Parish Hall Rehearsal: Church	6:15 PM – 9:30 PM, Parent(s) & Sponsor: 8:15 PM
Tues May 18, 2027 OR Wed May 19, 2027	Confirmation Ceremony Parish Schools & Non-Feeder Schools (Date to be selected at Registration)	Church	6:00 PM – 8:00 PM