

Dear parents and caregivers,

Confirmation is one of the three Sacraments of Initiation in our Catholic faith, together with Baptism and the Eucharist. In Confirmation, the baptized are sealed and strengthened to live as followers of Christ.

Our Diocese celebrates this Sacrament with young people in grade seven. With great joy St Anne Parish invites your family to join this year's preparation for Confirmation. Those preparing for Confirmation are called "candidates". They grow through prayer, spiritual instruction, and time spent in community with other Catholics.

To begin this process, families are asked to attend our **INFORMATION SESSION on Sunday, September 27, 2026,** following the 9:30 am Mass, in St Anne Parish Hall.

This meeting is mandatory for the candidate **AND** the parent/caregiver.

At the information session, we will discuss the Sacrament of Confirmation and its importance, give an overview of the preparation process, and explain registration. We will also discuss Sponsors, a Catholic mentor, chosen by each candidate. All young people in grade seven are invited to prepare for Confirmation.

All catechetical meetings will be held in two moments:

1. Participation in Sunday Mass, 9:30 am,
2. A catechetical session in the Hall, following Mass.

All the dates are printed on the reverse of this sheet.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call our parish office, email us, or speak to us after Mass.

Yours in faith,

Father Gian Luca Roso, mccj
Pastor

Welcome to
St. Anne Parish

Sacrament of Confirmation

School Year: 2026-2027

We hope you will find prayerful and spiritual support during your time with us. If you plan to attend regularly, we encourage you to register with our parish.

Registration forms are available at the church entrances and will help simplify processes for pastoral references and sacramental preparations.

If you are just visiting, thank you for joining us. We look forward to seeing you again!

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The Sacrament of Confirmation

- All candidates must have previously received the Sacrament of First Communion.
- The responsibility for the preparation for Confirmation rests with the church and the parents; immediate sacramental liturgical preparation is provided by St Anne Parish.
- If the candidate was not baptized at St Anne Parish, you will have to provide a copy of the baptism certificate.
- Our catechetical sessions are offered at St Anne Parish on Sunday, following the celebration of the Sunday Holy Mass. Mass begins at 9:30 am.

Important Dates, please mark your calendars and plan to attend

Sunday, September 27, 2026	9:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Initial Session	**INFORMATION SESSION** for **BOTH** candidate and parent/caregiver(s)
Sunday, October 25, 2026	9:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Catechetical	Catechetical session for candidate
Sunday, November 22, 2026	9:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Catechetical	**ENROLMENT CELEBRATION** Catechetical session for candidate
Sunday, December 6, 2026	9:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Catechetical	Catechetical session for candidate
Sunday, January 24, 2027	9:30 am Sunday Mass 10:30 am Catechetical	Catechetical session for candidate, parent/caregiver **AND** Sponsor
Thursday, February 4, 2027	Confirmation retreat held during school day in parish hall	
Friday, February 5, 2027	**7:00 pm** Rehearsal in church (30 minutes) **with** Sponsor	
Sunday, February 7, 2027	**11:00 am** Confirmation Celebration with Bishop	

Catechetical Sessions

Each session, following the Sunday Holy Mass, is about one hour long. There are only five catechetical sessions, so attendance is very important.

Prayer and Personal Faith Life

As you prepare for Confirmation, we encourage you to explore ways to deepen your individual faith life. Prayer – communication with God – is critical, and it looks different for each of us.

Sponsor-Candidate Conversations

All candidates for Confirmation choose a Catholic Sponsor to accompany them in their faith journey. Resources and tips for choosing a sponsor will be provided at our Information Session.

Confirmation

St Anne Parish Registration Form 2026-2027

Date:

Candidate's Full Name	
Father's First and Last Name	
Mother's First and Maiden Name	
Address	
Phone	
Email address for correspondence	
School candidate attends	
Candidate's birth date	Candidate's Place of Birth
Date of Baptism	
Church of Baptism	

A copy of the baptism certificate MUST accompany this registration form if your child was NOT baptized at St Anne Parish.

- My child is age 12 or older and is a practicing member of St Anne Parish
- My child is age 12 or older and is a practicing member of another Roman Catholic Church, please include name of parish: _____
- My child is age 12 or older and has been baptized into another Christian faith but would like to become Catholic

I understand that there are five catechetical sessions at St Anne Parish, following the 9:30 am Sunday Holy Mass, **AND** that the Enrolment Celebration on NOVEMBER 22 is mandatory.

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Signature of Parent/Caregiver Signature of Candidate

Please return this form to the church. Forms may be returned at the Information Session, in the collection basket, the parish mailbox (located at the rectory entrance at the back parking lot), or via email: stannekitchener@hamiltondiocese.com.