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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 (May 2019).

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 of Confirmation), and Sponsors (if possible) on **Tuesday, September 25, 2018 at 7:00 pm in the Church**, to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program.

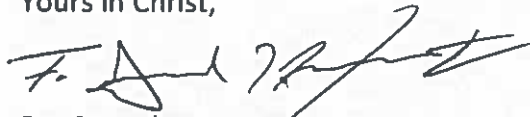
There is a fee of \$50 for the Sacramental Preparation Program to help offset some of the cost of the materials, including the candidates gown. *If this expense poses a concern or challenge for your family, Please feel free to speak with me.*

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. Gerardus Hauwert, Pastor

PARENT/STUDENT INFORMATION NIGHT	7:00 pm	September 25 St. Michael's Church
SESSION #	Mondays 7:00-8:30 pm	Tuesdays 7:00-8:30 pm
Session 1	October 15	October 23
Session 2	October 29	November 6
Session 3	November 12	November 20
Session 4	November 26	November 27
Session 5	<i>December 10</i>	<i>December 4</i>
Session 6	January 14	January 15
Session 7	January 28	January 29
Session 8	February 11	February 12
Session 9	March 18	March 26
Session 10	April 8	April 9
Retreat Day	Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 9:15 am St. Michael's Parish Centre	
Sacrament of Confirmation	Tuesday, May 14, 2019 at 7:00 pm St. Michael's Church	

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