Sacrament Confirmation FAQ:

1. What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is the third Sacrament of Initiation (along with Baptism and Eucharist). It is being sealed with the Holy Spirit, and making a fervent declaration of the Creed.

1. When can my child receive their Confirmation?

In order for a student to receive their Confirmation they must have also already been Baptized Catholic, and have received their 1st Reconciliation and 1st Communion. In the Archdiocese of Edmonton most individuals receive their Confirmation around 11 or 12 years old, but some wait until later.

1. Are the classes held at the schools?

No. Though St. Michael Parish and the Leduc Catholic schools have a very strong relationship, the classes for all sacraments take place at the church, with the exception of the Confirmation retreat which is scheduled to take place at Fr. Leduc School.

1. Is there a registration fee?

St. Michael Parishes asks for $50 as a suggested donation. This covers the workbooks and supplies the students will be using, as well as the cost for the day long retreat (which includes lunch). If this is a financial difficulty, please let Miss Jeanne know at the church. Nobody is refused a sacrament, especially due to financial reasons. Payment can be made in the parish office by cash, cheque, credit or debit. You may also send an e-transfer to SMLeduc.etransfer@caedm.ca

1. Do we have to be Catholic?

Yes. The classes and celebrations are within the Catholic Church, therefore to participate in the celebrations you do need to be Catholic. If, however, your child would like to learn more about these sacraments they are welcome to take the classes. They just will not be participating in the Sacraments unless they decide to become Catholic themselves. If your child is interested in becoming Catholic, that is another process which Miss Jeanne would be happy to talk to you about.

1. Will the Bishop be at Confirmation this year?

This year Archbishop Richard Smith is scheduled to be at St. Michael Parish for Confirmation on June 11, 2022. Traditionally it is the Bishop’s job to confer the sacrament of Confirmation. Some years he is not able to attend so the local priest is given special permission to celebrate. Barring any unforeseen circumstances, Archbishop Richard Smith will be here this year.

1. Is there a dress code for Confirmation

Confirmation is a special event in the lives of the young people, like Baptism and 1st Communion. White is an appropriate colour to wear, but it is not required. Families are not expected to purchase a new outfit, but remember that it is a significant occasion and should be treated as such. Students and families are expected to dress respectfully.

1. What are the dates

All the dates are listed on the next page.

**Important Dates for Confirmation Grade 6 +**

Registration/ Parent Night: March 23, 2022 starting at 6:30pm

(If your child did not receive their other sacraments at St. Michael’s please bring their Baptismal certificate)

Classes (all classes are held at St. Michael Parish)

 April 13, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

April 27, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

May 11, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

May 25, 2022 from 6:30pm-8:00pm

Retreat (held at Fr. Leduc School)

May 28, 2022 from 10:00am-4:00pm

Celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation (held at St. Michael parish, multiple priests will be in attendance to hear confession)

(This is required prior to receiving a Sacrament of Initiation, especially if the candidate has not been to Confession in a long while)

 June 4, 2022 starting at 12pm

Rehearsal (at St. Michael Parish)

June 8, 2022 starting at 6:30pm

Sponsors to attend with students for rehearsal

\*\*Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Michael Parish:

Saturday June 11, 2022 @2pm\*\*