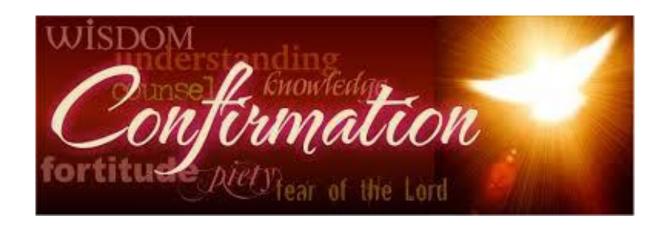


# MASS JOURNAL: Preparing for The Sacrament of Confirmation Part 1



**Diocese of Peterborough** 



Name:
Parish:
Confirmation Name:
Sponsor's Name:
Confirmation Date:

This Mass Journal is to be submitted at the third catechetical session.



Dear Candidates for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

As you prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, we, your family and parish family are filled with joy and we journey with you as you prepare to celebrate this special sacrament. The sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation together constitute the sacraments of Christian Initiation. In the sacrament of Confirmation, we are strengthened with

the gifts of the Holy Spirit to be true witnesses of the faith in word and deed.

#### Catechism 1303:

From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

Through the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, which was instituted by Jesus Christ when he conferred this sacrament on his apostles at Pentecost, your bond with Christ and his Church is strengthened.

When you use this Mass Journal to reflect upon your faith, it can be like a compass that guides you and reveals God who is at work in your life as you walk with Christ. I look forward to conferring the Holy Spirit upon you in the Sacrament of Confirmation.

His Excellency Most Reverend Daniel Miehm Bishop for the Diocese of Peterborough

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### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### What is the role of your parish?

The whole parish community shares the responsibility for preparing and supporting our young people and their families for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Together, we as community, discover anew what this sacrament means to all of us.

#### What is the role of the parent?

Parents are the primary educators in the faith. They are spiritual caregivers for their children when they support and participate in all parish liturgies, information sessions, and school initiatives.

#### What is the role of the catechist?

Catechists are called to assist in the faith formation and instruction as outlined in the program and to support all parish initiatives.

#### What is the role of the school?

Parish, home and school play vital roles. The school religion curriculum as taught by our teachers assists both the home and parish in the understanding of the sacrament.

#### Will Candidates for Confirmation have a sponsor?

Yes. The sponsor is a minimum of sixteen years of age, a Catholic who has been Confirmed and received their First Eucharist and is <u>not</u> the candidate's parent.

#### Are students required to pick a Confirmation name?

The church prefers that the candidate chooses her/his baptismal name. The Confirmation name is the name by which the candidates will be presented to the Bishop at the Sacrament of Confirmation Mass. Candidates may select the name of the saint they researched for their Confirmation Saint Project.

#### What will the candidates wear on Confirmation day?

All candidates will wear a red robe or gown on Confirmation day as an outward sign of receiving the Holy Spirit.

#### THE EUCHARIST

For Catholics, the source and summit of our sacramental life is the Eucharist.

- The Eucharist is both thanksgiving table and altar of sacrifice. In the Paschal Mystery, Jesus sacrifices his life on the Cross so that we may one day enter the one eternal banquet in heaven.
- Jesus Christ is present to us at Mass in the Word proclaimed, the Eucharist Body and Blood of Christ, the Priest who acts in the person of Christ and the Faithful who are gathered as the Body of Christ.
- Catholics have the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days. The Holy Days of Obligation in Canada are Christmas and the Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.
- The requirements for the fruitful reception of Holy Communion are unity of life (being in a state of grace), unity of faith (belief, practicing RC) and fasting (food) for one hour before receiving Holy Communion.

The Mass is divided into 4 parts: Introductory Rite, the Liturgy of the Word, the Eucharist, and the Concluding Rite.

Place numbers beside the parts within these sections of the Mass in their proper order.

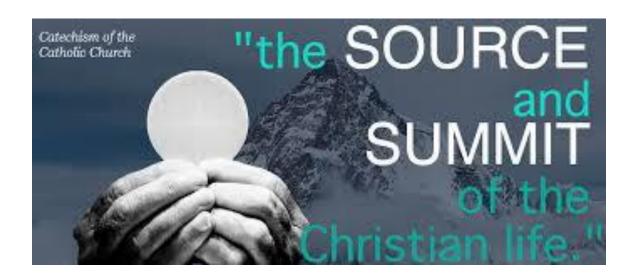
Opening Rite	
	Opening Hymn
	Welcoming everyone to the Liturgy
	The Procession
	Greeting by the Presider
	The Sign of the Cross
	The Gloria
	Penitential Rite (the forgiveness of sins)
	The Collect
The Liturgy of the	e Word
	The Gospel
	The Old Testament Reading
	The Homily
	The Psalm
	The Gospel Acclamation
	The New Testament Reading
	The Petitions

#### The Liturgy of the Eucharist

 The Holy, Holy, Holy
 The Collection
 The Procession with the Gifts
 The first part of the Eucharistic Prayer
 The Epiclesis
 The Words of Institution
 The Our Father
 The Lamb of God
 The second part of the Eucharistic Prayer
 The Communion
 The Sign of Peace
 The Communion Song

#### **Concluding Rites**

 Final Procession
 The Concluding Prayer
The Announcements
The Final Blessing



Date: Time:	
Church:	
After Jesus was baptized, he came up from the water and behold, the heavens were opened (for him), and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove (and) coming upon him And a voice came from the heavens, saying, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased."	
Matthew 3:16-1	7
Who was the main celebrant or presider? (Name of Priest who led the celebration of th	e Mass)
What in particular do you remember about Mass? (e.g. the vestment colours, readings, or something said during the homily)	songs,
What did Jesus say or do in the Gospel that was proclaimed?	
How can you take the gospel message and teaching and make the message applicable to own life?	o your

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	The fruits of the Spirit is love, joy, peace,	
	patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness,	
	gentleness, self-control.	
	Galatians 5:22-23	
What wa today's r	is today's Gospel reading? ( <i>Cite book, chapter and verses</i> ) How eadings?	v did the Homily relate to
During th Christian	ne Eucharistic Prayer we give thanks and praise to God. What as?	are we grateful for as
How did	the music contribute to the Mass?	
What wa	s the message of the opening song?	
Did you s	sing? How does singing support praying?	
The Chur	rch calls us to "active participation" Why?	

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For however many are the promises of God, their Yes is in him; therefore, the Amen from us also Goes through him to God for glory. But the one who gives us security with you in Christ and who anointed us is God; he has also put his seal upon us and given the Spirit in our hearts as a first installment.

2 Corinthians 1:20-22

Other than the priest, who else processed in during the Entrance song?

Did they carry anything? What was it?

Which reading from today, including the Psalm Response, could you relate to most, and why?

How did the Homily relate to things going on in your life? (At home, at school, with friends, in the world, in your local community, at your church)

Which song did you enjoy the most? Why?

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young." But the To whomever I you shall speak you to deliver	" I said, "I know no ne Lord answered n I send you, you sha k. Have no fear bei you, says the Lord. hed my mouth, say	ne, "Say not, all go; whatev fore them, be "Then the Lo	'I am too young ver I command y ecause I am with ord extended his	you, h
What does the scri	pture above speak to yo	u in your life?		
What was today's I during the week?	Psalm Response? Was it	sung or read? H	ow could these wor	ds help you
What was today's l	First Reading? What was	s its main messa	ge?	
Who did the comm	nunity pray for in the pet world today?	itions? Were an	y petitions connecte	ed with
What was the Rece	essional or Closing song,	and what was it	s message?	

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	For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have mad to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of the ends of the earth." The Gentiles were delighthey heard this and glorified the word of the Lord were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the Lord continued to spread through the whole	of salvation to thted when d. All who and the word of
		Acts 13:47-49
What	was today's second reading and did any words or phrases stand out t	for you?
Was <sup>-</sup>	there a "Gloria" at today's Mass? If not, why not? If so, how will you g	lorify God this week?
Wha	t was the message of the homily today?	
-	ou say the creed with the whole faith community? How did it feel to $\wp$ one?	oray together with

# **Holy Spirit, Come**

Holy Spirit, come and set upon me the fruits of your Spirit, that I may become the hands, the feet, and the voice of Jesus Christ in the present world.

From this moment I open my heart to you that you may fill me with immeasurable love of God.

By this gift, all who meet me, whether they are lost or have not yet found their way to you, shall come to know and love you.

Lord, my God, you have created me uniquely in your own image that I may always know my incomparable worth.

You took great care in giving me special gifts to serve not only you, Lord, but those around me. This seal, this covenant, this promise is for eternity.

This day I say to you, God, "I choose, I believe, and I will honour the truth and live by it." This journey now laid before me may be difficult at times. While I will try my hardest to never lose sight of you I will rely on the Holy Spirit to guide me back should I stray.

My eternal home is with you, Lord, and through the example of Jesus Christ your Son,
Mary the great mother of God, all the angels and saints, as well as the faithful members of the Church including
my family and friends who have supported me on this journey,
I know I will succeed in serving and loving you. I will never be abandoned.

Your love is clear in the passion and achieved in the resurrection of Jesus.

I will go forth today, a young Confirmed Catholic, and not be afraid to set the world aflame with Christ's love.

#### Amen!

