

## ***Saint Michael & Saint Albert Confirmation Preparation (2023 - 2024)***

Confirmation preparation takes place for one year prior to reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. Each year, the parish holds an informational meeting for any candidates and Parents interested in learning more about Confirmation and what to expect. All families with 8<sup>th</sup> grade teens or older who have not been confirmed are particularly encouraged to attend.

### **Requirements for Confirmation:**

1. **Sunday Mass:** Attend Mass every Sunday and Holy Day of Obligation.
2. **Register:** Registration begins August 23, 2023.  
[Online Registration Form: Confirmation Preparation](#)
3. **Inquiry Meeting:** Parents and Candidates (grades 8 - 12) attend the Confirmation Inquiry Meeting on **Wednesday, September 13, 2023 (6:30 - 8:00 pm)** at St Albert's Parish Center.
4. **Required Paperwork:** Complete the required Confirmation paperwork (provided in the Confirmation Packet). A baptismal certificate will be required if you were not baptized at Saint Michael / St. Alberts. **Paperwork may be submitted beginning September 13, 2023 through January 31, 2024.**
5. **Retreat:** Candidate attends the **Encounter Retreat Weekend, January 19-21, 2024.**
6. **Confirmation Formation Sessions:** Candidate and Parent(s) attend these two formation sessions:
  - o Wednesday, **January 17, 2024** (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) at Saint Albert Parish Center.
  - o Wednesday, **January 31, 2024** (6:30 - 8:00 p.m.) at Saint Albert Parish Center.
7. **Candidate & Sponsor Meeting:** Candidates and Sponsors attend one meeting together. If a sponsor is not able to attend, one parent may attend in their place. Please choose one of these two dates to attend:
  - o Sunday, **February 18, 2024** (1:00 - 2:30 pm) at Saint Albert Parish Center
  - o Wednesday, **February 21, 2024** (6:30 - 8:00 pm) at Saint Albert Parish Center
8. **Rite of Sending:** Candidate, Parent(s) and Sponsor (if able) participate in one Rite of Sending Mass at their parish on **Sunday, March 3, 2024.**
  - o Saint Michael - 9:00 am or 6:00 pm Mass
  - o Saint Albert - 10:00 a.m. Mass
9. **Rehearsal & Reconciliation:** Candidate attends a brief rehearsal for the Sacrament of Confirmation and receives the Sacrament of Reconciliation on **Sunday, March 3, 2024 (4:00 - 5:30 pm at Saint Michael Church)**. This event will include Eucharistic Adoration. Sponsors are welcome to attend. Parents please plan to attend from 4:00 - 4:30 for rehearsal and Confirmation Day Q&A.
10. **Sacrament of Confirmation:** The Sacrament of Confirmation will be conferred at the Confirmation Mass at the **Cathedral of Saint Paul on Saturday, March 9 at 10:00 am.**

\*\*Saint Albert youth will have a few additional requirements prior to the Sacrament of Confirmation. (More information will be communicated to Saint Albert's families.)

**Optional but HIGHLY ENCOURAGED:**

**Youth Ministry Involvement:** We HIGHLY ENCOURAGE all youth preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation to commit to being involved in Youth Ministry. The primary ministry for those youth in grades 8 - 12 will be:

- **Alpha Youth Nights (for grade 8 - 12)** - explore the Gospel at these interactive nights twice monthly. These sessions will include dinner, games, teaching, and small group time (6:30 - 8:30 pm). See the [Alpha Youth](#) page on our website for more information and registration.

For additional ways to get involved in Youth Ministry visit our website [www.stmacatholicyouth.org](http://www.stmacatholicyouth.org) or contact someone on the youth ministry team.