

SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT CHURCH

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Dear Parents:

As pastor of St. Albert the Great Church, I am writing to share good news for your child and family. Students currently in grade 6, if baptized, are potential candidates for the reception of the sacrament of Confirmation this school year. With the support and engagement of you as parents, the parish and the Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your family as your child prepares to joyfully receive the gift of this sacrament.

While we are soon approaching a diocesan model for Confirmation preparation, His Excellency Most Reverend William T. McGrattan, Bishop of Calgary, has entrusted the preparation to the different Catholic parishes in the Diocese which work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the immediate preparation for the sacraments takes place at the parish.

The sacrament preparation process for Confirmation at our parish consists of the following:

- **Parent Information Session** to further explain the Sacrament Preparation Program and how you can continue to support your child's faith development. **It will be held on January 13.**
- Four (4) sessions and a retreat to prepare for Confirmation

To support your family's schedule planning see the dates in the chart on the reverse side of this letter.

At the parish, we are using a portion of a Confirmation preparation program called "Chosen" (developed and produced by Ascension Press). There is a fee of \$40 to help offset the cost of the Confirmation preparation materials, including the workbook.

To register, please visit the **Sacraments page of our parish website:** <http://stalbertthegreat.ca/sacraments>
Registration will only be available in the month of September, so please don't wait to sign up!

If your child never had the opportunity to receive the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please register for those sacraments as well.

You may contact Dan D'Agostino if you have any questions: sacraments@stalbertthegreat.ca

If your child has not been baptized yet, please feel welcome to contact us at your earliest convenience.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacraments and celebrating this time of God's grace with your child and your family.

I take this opportunity to assure you of my prayers and a very warm welcome to St. Albert the Great.

Yours in Christ,

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