

**PLEASE ENSURE THAT YOU HAVE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS IN  
YOUR R.O.C INFORMATION PACKAGE:**

**FOR CANDIDATES & FAMILY/GUARDIANS**

- ❶ Welcome and information letter
- ❷ R.O.C. Retreat check list
- ❸ The Homily Form link, to be used throughout the confirmation preparation year
- ❹ Copy of the meeting schedule for the R.O.C. year

**FOR THE SPONSOR**

- ❶ Letter for the sponsor
- ❷ Portion which must be brought back to St. Monica's Church
- ❸ R.O.C schedule of meetings to follow up with candidates

**TO RETURN TO PARISH PROMPTLY**

- ❶ A copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate (or informed us of the baptismal date if baptized at St. Monica Parish, Toronto)
- ❷ The \$150.00 preparation fee

**If you are missing any of this information, please contact the Parish office at  
(416) 483 - 1513 immediately!**

**Please submit this information as soon as possible!**

**Thank You!**

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Parents/Guardians and Teens

This is the registration package for the Rite of Confirmation (R.O.C) sacramental preparation program!

Let me begin by thanking all of you for getting your registration information to us in good time. This assists us in getting things ready for our new year of Confirmation classes.

Please take a moment to read through this package to familiarize yourself with the material and consider the following points.

### **ATTENDING SUNDAY LITURGY (MASS)**

To fully engage in the Baptismal life of a Catholic in the Church one must acknowledge the importance and necessity of receiving the sacramental Grace that comes from participating in the Eucharist. You will notice that there is a link to a *Homily Form* in this package. Candidates will be required to submit at least two forms each month from November 2019 through May 2020. This should make up a total of 14 forms. Candidates will be asked to bring their completed forms to confirmation classes. Failure to complete the *Homily Forms* will constitute a candidate's discontinuation from the Confirmation Preparation Process.

### **ATTENDING ALPHA**

Participating in R.O.C classes will stir up questions and conversation for your candidate. Some questions and concepts might be intimidating when they arise. We would like to help you feel comfortable in communicating the faith with your candidate. To do this, **we would like to ask you to participate yourself in 3 ALPHA classes throughout the 2019/20 year.** We will give you a list of possible dates and times that you can attend. Please take this component seriously, as it is important to echo the faith in your home, as well as at the church.

### **DISCERNMENT OF A SPONSOR**

- 0 Ensure that your sponsor is given the sheets that are addressed to sponsors so that they may be assisted in understanding their role as a sponsor
- 0 **Please remember that sponsors must fulfill the following criteria:**
  - o They must be 16 years of age or older
  - o They must be a Catholic practicing their faith by praying daily, weekly Mass attendance, active in the sacramental life of the Church and in good standing with the Catholic Church

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- 0 There are monthly opportunities available for the sponsor and candidate to engage in meaningful and faith-based discussions.

## WAIVERS & FORMS

- 0 Please ensure that you have filled out the online retreat permission form found on our parish website. If you would like a direct link to this form, please contact the office.
- 0 Please put the ROC schedule in a place where it is easily seen and accessible (i.e., the family fridge usually works)
- 0 **Please let us know if your candidate has not been baptized and has not received their first Holy Communion.** The Archdiocese of Toronto requires all who wish to be Confirmed to first follow through with this process. We are happy to help your candidate to first receive these sacraments before their Confirmation. If this is your situation, please contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.
- 0 Please note that our parish policy in preparation for Confirmation is **that all confirmation classes are mandatory.** If more than one class is missed (except for family emergency or illness) then the candidate can be re-enrolled in the next R.O.C program in the fall of 2020. For more questions regarding this point, please contact the Parish Office.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me through email at [stmonicatorontoym@gmail.com](mailto:stmonicatorontoym@gmail.com) or by phone at 416-483-1513.

“When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup>Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup>They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. <sup>4</sup>All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues<sup>[a]</sup> as the Spirit enabled them.” – Acts 2:2-4

Keep Holy & Keep Happy

Beki Sunseri  
St. Monica Parish Youth Minister

## R.O.C. RETREAT CHECKLIST

To all Confirmation Retreat Participants and Parents/Guardians:  
Below is a list of things you will need for our 2020 confirmation retreat.

### BRING

- Indoor slippers/shoes (mandatory)
- Outdoor shoes
- Appropriate outdoor clothing to stay warm for periods of time while outside
- Toiletries (ie. shampoo, soap, towel, toothbrush, etc)
- Pen or pencil
- Bible, Rosary, prayer journal. (other items to help you pray)
- Own snacks/drinks or dietary foods
  - These will be kept in dining area only – food brought into sleeping area will result in immediate expulsion from the premises due to allergy considerations
  - If bringing snacks, please write the participants name on the outside.
- Musical instruments are optional
- An open mind and an open heart!!

### DO NOT BRING:

- Ipods, Ipads, Tablets, PEDs, video games of ANY sort etc.
- Cell Phones
- Jewellery, or expensive items
- Drugs, cigarettes or alcohol (if found we will require the retreat centre staff to contact parent(s) and appropriate legal authorities for underage activities and the participant will be asked to leave the premises.

The Confirmation retreat has been one of the key experiences for most teens during their confirmation preparation process. We have had occasions where language, attitude and behaviour have resulted in having participants expelled from the premises.

**Please make a point of discussing with your candidate that they are expected to behave with respect and a Christian attitude.**

The Confirmation Retreat is directed, supported and supervised primarily by volunteers offering their time. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated on the retreat for the sake of the R.O.C CREW team AND particularly for the other participants.

SEPTEMBER 2019

Dear Sponsor,

Let me ask you this age old question: "What is the meaning of life?" As Catholics we know the answer in our hearts, although we sometimes don't know how to answer it. Truthfully, our lives are given meaning by the life, death, resurrection and love of Jesus Christ.

As many of you probably already know, it is a tough age to be a teenager. Everyone is selling them something as "truth". Materialism, consumerism, self-image, sexual expression, individualism are but a handful of the predominant "truths" of our age. Of course none of them are truths, and therefore continue to keep our young people unsatisfied, distracted and often damaged. Our young people need to know that some things are absolute, unshakable, and unchangeable. What they really need to learn is our Lord Jesus Christ's love for them is just that.

As sponsors, we are asking you to be a proactive part in reflecting Christ's love for your candidate. We are asking you to be as involved in their Confirmation process as is possible. Consider some of the basic considerations necessary to be a sponsor below:

### **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR ROLE**

The sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend." In this process, the following is asked of the sponsor:

1. Attend Mass weekly and pray daily as a witness to the importance of cultivating a relationship with Jesus Christ.
2. Sponsors are to attend the Confirmation Rehearsal dates with their candidate. If this is not possible, please contact the Parish office as soon as possible.
3. Sponsors are encouraged to attend the candidates Enrolment Mass found on the schedule.
4. Part of the sponsor's role is to attend the Rite of Confirmation Mass and present their candidate.
5. Sponsors are encouraged to meet and talk about the Confirmation Class topics with their Candidate regularly throughout their preparation. This may mean spending extra time together.
6. Sponsors may also wish to share their faith story with their candidate.
7. Sponsors are asked to pray for and with your candidate.
8. Continue to be there for your candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation Rite is concluded. (Suggestion: send a card or note every year on the anniversary of your candidate's confirmation).

**CONFIRMATION SPONSORS PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO ST. MONICA PARISH**

St. Monica Parish, Toronto  
Requirements for Roman Catholic Confirmation Sponsorship 2019/2020 :

Please print legibly.

Sponsor's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor's Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate's First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate's Last Name : \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC SPONSOR:**

I recognize that in accepting the role of a Roman Catholic Confirmation Sponsor, I become responsible to be a model and example to the Candidate as a committed and active Roman Catholic and to be a support to his/her parents in the practice of our mutual faith.

I attest that I am committed to my Roman Catholic faith; that I am baptized and confirmed in it; that I am not married outside the Roman Catholic Church or otherwise compromised in my own sacramental life; and that I meet my fundamental obligations as a Roman Catholic by participating in the Sunday Mass, by being open to the word of God as revealed in Scripture and taught by the Church, by witnessing to the values of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and by seeking to be a service to others for love of Him.

Sponsor's Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**STATEMENT OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIEST:**

This will verify that the above-named Roman Catholic Sponsor is a registered member of this parish and is, to the best of my knowledge, initiated in the sacraments of the Church, is in good standing with the Church, is faithful in attending Sunday Mass and in the practice of the Roman Catholic Faith, and is able to accept the responsibility of sacramental sponsorship.

Name of Parish : \_\_\_\_\_ Pastor's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parish Address : \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City/town Prov/State Postal/Zip

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