

Dear Parents:

RE : CONFIRMATION SACRAMENTAL PREPARTION

I am writing to you as Rector of the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains Parish to share good news for your child and family. With the support and engagement of you as parents, your child's sponsor, the parish and Catholic school community, I look forward to assisting your child to prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Your child in Grade 7 at St. Teresa Catholic Elementary School is a potential candidate for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation next year.

His Excellency, Bishop Daniel Miehm, Bishop of Peterborough has brought the parishes of Peterborough and Otonabee together to offer a Sacramental Preparation Program that is consistent in form and content. This initiative is designed to assist the home, school and parish in nurturing the faith of your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

All of the Catholic parishes in the Diocese work closely with the school communities. The Catholic schools provide Religious and Family Life Education for your child and the parishes provide the Sacramental Preparation Program for your child. **The Sacramental Preparation Program will be offered at the parishes.**

- **There will be a Parent Information Night, in September, at the Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains Church, to further explain the Sacramental Preparation Program and details about the Session dates and locations.**

There is a fee of \$50 for the Sacramental Preparation Program to help offset the cost of the materials. If this expense poses a concern, I strongly encourage you to speak with me so that our assistance can be offered to you.

As Rector, I am responsible in collaborating with the Bishop in following Canon Law and Diocesan Policies to ensure that all the requirements are completed in preparation for the celebration of this sacrament for your child. If your child has not been baptized or received the sacraments of Reconciliation and Eucharist, please feel welcome to contact me at your earliest convenience. The parish offices are open during the summer months and I look forward to meeting you.

The parish community is looking forward to supporting your child in prayer as they prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation 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 at Cathedral of St. Peter-in-Chains Parish.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Thomas A. Lynch
Rector