

Confirmation

Gift of the Holy Spirit

BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION and the EUCHARIST comprise the SACRAMENTS OF INITIATION. Confirmation completes Christian initiation, and strengthens the Candidates by the gift of the Holy Spirit. They are witnesses of Christ, bound to spread and defend the faith by their words and deeds.

Origins of the Sacrament

The Old Testament prophets announced that the Spirit of the Lord would rest on the awaited Messiah for his saving mission. The descent of the Holy Spirit on Jesus at his Baptism in the Jordan by John was the sign that this was the expected one: the Son of God, who would communicate the Spirit to the entire messianic people. On Pentecost, filled with the Holy Spirit, the Apostles began to proclaim the mighty works of God, and Peter declared this outpouring of the Spirit to be a sign of the messianic age.

In the Letter to the Hebrews, the doctrine on Baptism and the Laying on of Hands is listed among the first elements in Christian instruction. The Laying on of Hands is recognized as the original sign of the Sacrament of Confirmation, which perpetuates the grace of Pentecost in the Church.

The Bishop

The original ministers of Confirmation are the Bishops, the successors of the Apostles. They have received the fullness of the Sacrament of Holy Orders. (The Bishop may transfer this mandate to the local Parish Priest.) The Sacred Chrism used for the Anointing was blessed at the Mass of Chrism at the Cathedral during the previous Holy Week.

The Sponsor

The Sponsor is a fully-initiated member of the Church who:

- ❖ Represents the community; ❖ Will support the parents;
- ❖ Testifies that the Candidate will be a witness for Christ.

The original Godparent may perform this duty; or another adult who serves as an example of Christian living.

The Name

The Confirmation Name is the Christian *Baptismal* name, or the name of another *Saint* who will serve as a lifelong patron and prayer partner to the newly-confirmed.

Effects of Confirmation

The purpose of the Sacrament is the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit, as it was given to the Apostles on Pentecost:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind...divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them the ability. (Acts 2.1-4).

The entire Church benefits by Confirmation: it conveys the grace of *Pentecost*, enabling us to live with the fruits of the Holy Spirit:

Charity, Joy, Peace, Patience, Generosity, Goodness, Perseverance, Mildness, Faith, Modesty, Continence, Chastity.

Confirmation has several important effects:

- (1) **It makes us more aware of God;**
- (2) **It releases the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit:** Wisdom, Knowledge, Counsel, Understanding, Courage, Piety and Reverence of the Lord.
- (3) **It unites us more firmly to Christ;**
- (4) **It binds us more perfectly to the Church;**
- (5) **It gives us strength to spread and defend the faith by our words and actions in order to:**
 - ✕ be true witnesses of Christ;
 - ✕ confess the name of Christ boldly;
 - ✕ never be ashamed of the Cross.

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism, and imprints a spiritual mark or permanent, indelible character on the Christian's soul. A Candidate for Confirmation who has attained the age of reason must profess the faith; be in the state of grace; desire to receive the Sacrament; and be prepared to assume the role of disciple and witness to Christ, both in the Church and in the world.

The Liturgy

Confirmation is ordinarily celebrated within the context of the Holy Mass. Following the Proclamation of the Word of God, the Sacrament is administered in this order:

Presentation of the Candidates

Homily

Renewal of Baptismal Promises

Laying On of Hands ¹

Anointing with Sacred Chrism ²

¹ LAYING ON OF HANDS: The Bishop faces the people and introduces the prayer. Then he (and any concelebrating Priests) extend their hands over the Candidates, and ask the Father to send the Holy Spirit upon them.

² ANOINTING WITH CHRISM: Candidates walk to the Sanctuary. The Bishop goes to them individually, takes some Chrism, addresses them by their Confirmation Name, and makes the Sign of the Cross on their foreheads.

Bishop: “ _____ , be sealed with
the gift of the Holy Spirit.”

Newly Confirmed: “AMEN.”

Bishop: “Peace be with you.”

Newly Confirmed: “AND WITH YOUR SPIRIT.”



Parish Week / Sunday, 27 July 2025

Saturday, 26 July / Ss. Joachim & Anne, parents of Mary

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosario & Nolasco Remedio (Emma)
12.00 pm Ss. Joachim & Anne feast day Mass
12.00 pm KOC & Youth Ministry CAR WASH AND BBQ
(Continues to 4.00 pm)
5.00 pm Mass: Int. Thanksgiving 50th Birthday (Jolly)

SUNDAY, 27 JULY / 17-C

- Homilist: Fr. Elias Chachati
- World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly
- 2nd Collection: Maintenance

- 9.00 am Mass: † Pasqualina Bellavista (family)
10.30 am Mass: † Raveedran Anthonypillai (Doena)
12.00 pm Mass: † Dominic Rodrick (Genieve)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Monday, 28 July

- 8.00 am Mass: † Rosario & Nolasco Remedio (Emma)
7.00 pm Mass: † Edwin Tauro (Annie)

Tuesday, 29 July / Ss. Martha, Mary, and Lazarus

- 8.00 am Mass: † Teresita Del Castello (Corine)

Wednesday, 30 July / St. Peter Chrysologus, bishop

- 8.00 am Mass: † Camila Maulion (Corine)

Thursday, 31 July / St. Ignatius of Loyola, priest

- 8.00 am Mass: † Olimpio Macabali (family)

Friday, 1 Aug. / St. Alphonsus Liguori, bishop & doctor

- 8.00 am Mass: † John May (Evelyn Walsh)
6.00 pm Holy Hour
7.00 pm Mass: † Emilio & Florence Carvalho
(Joan Penumerthy)

Saturday, 2 Aug. / St. Eusebius of Vercelli, bishop

- Janette Rampersad, 3rd Anniversary of death
- 8.00 am Mass: † Arnulfo Gabales (Edison & Jiyi)
9.00 am ► Our Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage to 3 City Churches
5.00 pm Mass: † Mike D'Mello (Jane Abraham)

SUNDAY, 3 AUG. / 18-C

- Homilist: Deacon Ramon Villardo
- 9.00 am Mass: † Eusebia Luzaran (Gaela family)
10.30 am Mass: † Moises Sardua (Chita & Josefa)
12.00 pm Mass: † Ranjit, Rosemarie and Anthony
Savundranayagam (Brother)
7.00 pm Mass: Pro Populo

Parish Jubilee Pilgrimage 2 August

On Saturday, 2 August, our parish will hold a local pilgrimage to three Churches in the city to celebrate the JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE. We will meet at our Parish, begin with Holy Mass, and then travel by TTC to St. Paul Basilica, St. Michael Cathedral Basilica and St. Patrick Church. To sign up, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

RCIA Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

The next meetings:

RCIA Adults: 1 August, 5 September - 7.30 pm

RCIC Youth: 2 August, 6 September - 10.00 am.

Focus on the Word

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

Genesis 18.20-32; Colossians 2.12-14; Luke 11.1-13

O God, protector of those who hope in you, without whom nothing has firm foundation, nothing is holy, bestow in abundance your mercy upon us and grant that, with you as our ruler and guide, we may use the good things that pass in such a way as to hold fast even now to those that ever endure. Amen.

ShareLife 2025



So far, we have raised: \$ 38,542.00
toward our 2025 goal of: \$ 75,000.00

You ensure that our Grandparents and the Elderly feel valued

On the WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY, your kindness improves the well-being of those who have given us so much. Through your loving support, ShareLife agencies like the Society of Sharing ensure that seniors are embraced by social connection and continue to feel valued in our community.

“Through your compassion and generosity, you have rekindled the hope of vulnerable seniors in the city. On behalf of all of the staff and clients of Society of Sharing, thank you for continuing to give to ShareLife.”

– **Mariza Garcia**, Executive Director, Society of Sharing

Catholic Cemetery Masses

7.00 pm, 13 August



The annual CATHOLIC CEMETERY MASSES this year will be offered at 7.00 pm on Wednesday, 13 August. Our Parish will provide the liturgical support at Christ the King Cemetery; Bishop Nguyen will preside. See the posters on the Vestibule bulletin boards.

Toronto Archdiocese Jubilee Pilgrimage

Martyrs' Shrine, 24 August

Our Parish is arranging a bus to join the Toronto Archdiocesan Jubilee Pilgrimage to the MARTYRS' SHRINE: Sunday, 24 August, 8 am to 6 pm. Cost: \$35. To sign up, call: **Lillian**, 647-909-6425.

Upcoming Weddings

There is a promise of Marriage between:

Jeron Juson and Sarah Alvarez, 8 August

Chris Ramlock Han and Princess Baniqued, 9 August

Jason Cruz and Pamela Mulla, 16 August

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- 4 Aug. Infant Baptism Parent/Godparent Meeting (7:40 pm)
5 Aug. **Fr. Elias Chachati**, birthday (1955)
8 Aug. Wedding: Juson & Alvarez (1:00 pm)
9 Aug. Wedding: Ramlock Han & Baniqued (1:00 pm)
13 Aug. ► Mass at **Christ the King Catholic Cemetery** (7.00 pm)

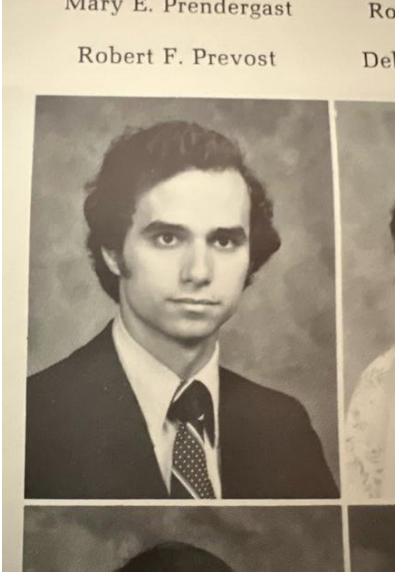


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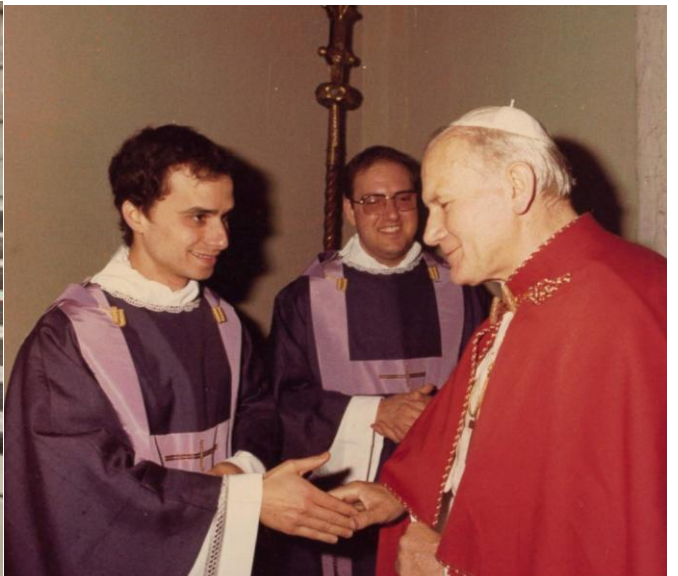
MILORED MARTÍNEZ

LOUIS MARTIN PREVOST

JOHN JOSEPH PREVOST

ROBERT FRANCIS PREVOST

POPE LEO XIV





Top: The Prevost family home on East 142nd Place in Dolton, Illinois. Sold in 2023 for \$66,000.00. Renovated, and listed at the beginning of 2025 for \$219,000.00. Relisted after Pope Leo's election on 8 May for \$250,000.00. Purchased by the Village of Dolton for \$375,000.00.

Above: The three Prevost brothers as adults (John, 71, Leo, 69 and Louis, 74) and as boys.

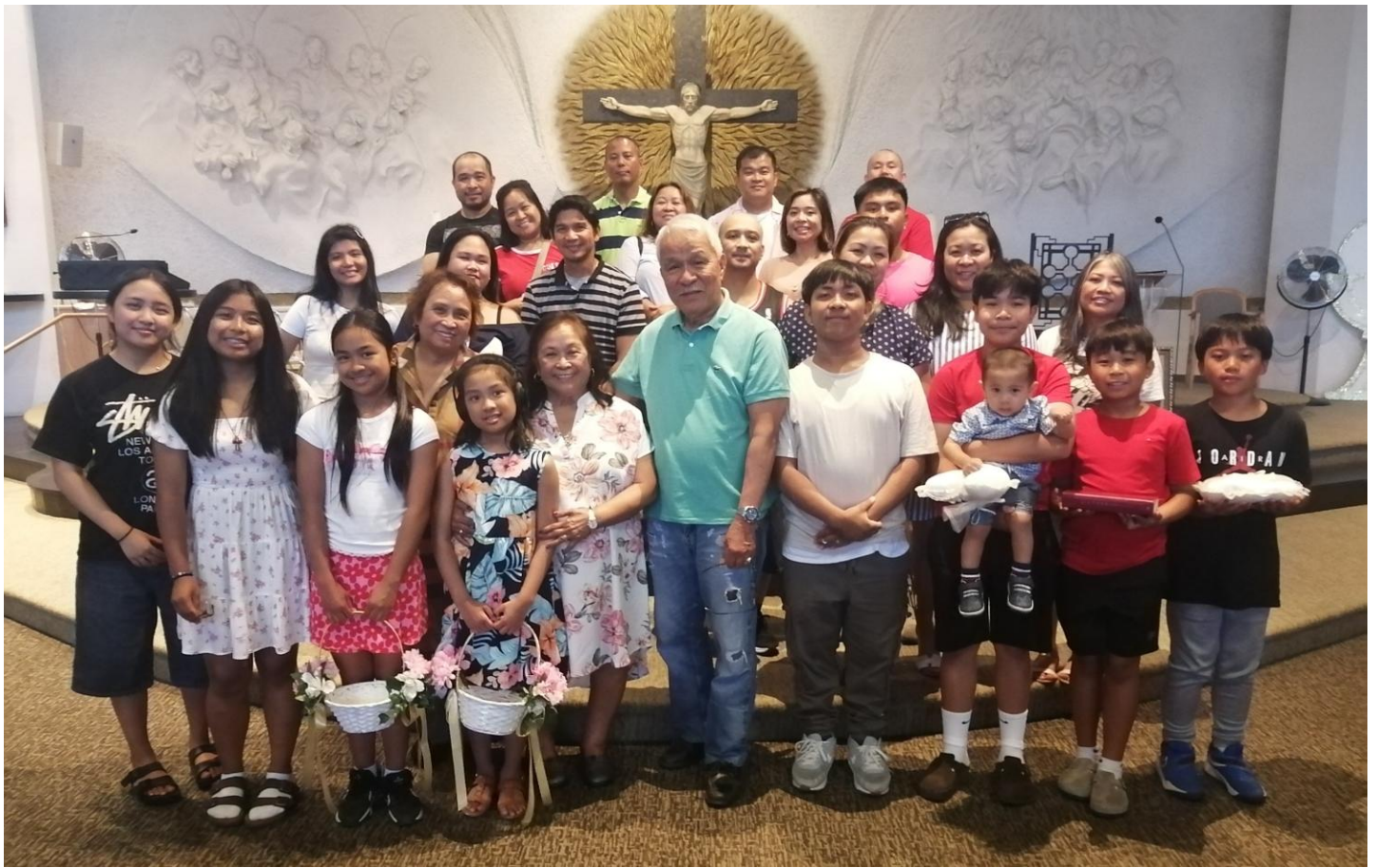
Right: Mother (Mildred) and her Creole relatives.



Above: CWL Ontario Provincial Convention, London, Ontario, 5 – 9 July 2025

Below: Volunteers assisting at St. Francis Table, Parkside, 18 July 2025





Elma and Clementino Fagaragan, 50th Wedding Anniversary. Rehearsal (28 June) and Mass (5 July).





