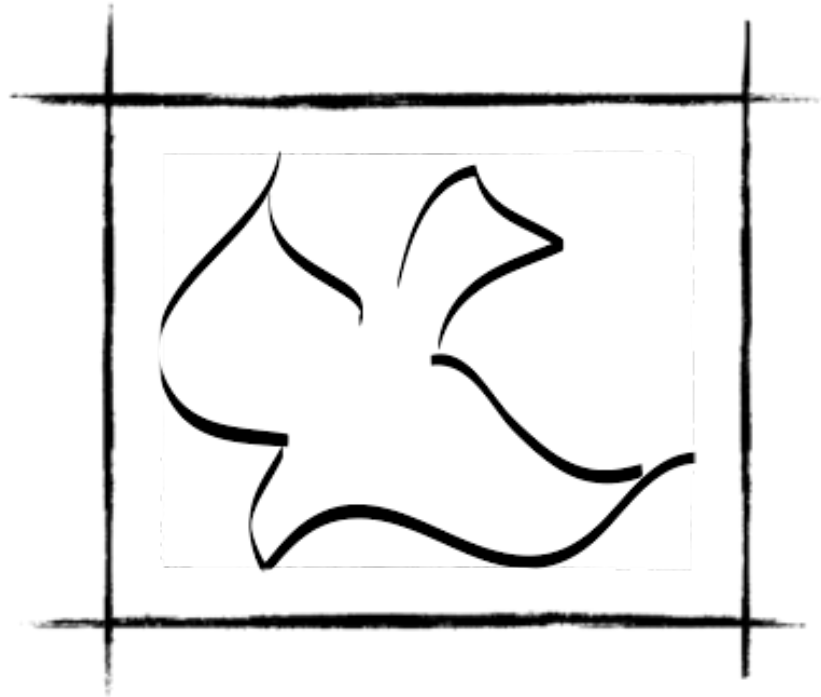


# *BEING CONFIRMED*



CONFIRMATION PROGRAMME  
2019-2021

English-speaking Catholic community  
St Alphonse  
Luxembourg

*Information*

## **Who can be confirmed?**

To be confirmed in the English-speaking parish, Luxembourg, the candidate:

1. Will have been baptised but not yet confirmed.
2. Will have reached the age of discretion (CCC 1307). This means that the candidate:
  - is be ready to accept the responsibilities that come with the sacrament of Confirmation. In this parish, a candidate must have reached his/her 16th birthday before May 31 2021 (exceptions may be made in special circumstances).
  - Must be in a state of grace —before receiving the sacrament, each candidate will be expected to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
  - Must *personally wish* to receive the sacrament...

## **Who can be a sponsor?**

- The sponsor is usually and preferably a godparent (CCC 1311).
- He/she must be a baptised and practising Catholic. It is best to choose someone with whom the candidate can talk about the faith. She/he will serve as an example and is expected to take an active role as a sponsor.

## **Choosing a Confirmation Name**

3. Each candidate will be asked to choose a "Confirmation name". This name should be chosen with thought. It should be researched carefully and carry some significance.
4. This name must be the name of a saint.

## **Confirmation Programme 2019-2021**

Priest: Fr Ed Hone CSsR

Coordinator: Marthese Lufi

Administration Assistant: Nicola Hammond

*The programme includes guest speakers. Additionally, involvement of parents in classes and other aspects of preparing the celebration will be very welcome. More about this at the parents' session on November 10th after the 11:15 Mass.*

### **Programme Outline**

The first year of the programme consists of 10 evenings each year of instruction, discussion and prayer. There will be similar number of evenings the second year, plus a final meeting which will focus on the ceremony itself and rehearsal of the Mass.

The theme of each evening will be related to Confirmation and to the lives of young Catholics today and will include:

A Christian is ... , God is ... , Jesus of Nazareth, personal witness, prayer, Scripture, liturgy and symbolism, Gifts of the Holy Spirit. ..

- Each evening will have different leaders and themes. For certain sessions, candidates will be asked to bring a Bible (including Old and New Testaments)  
The classes will start at 19:00 and end at 20:30. Starting classes promptly will help us to finish on time. Light refreshments are included.
- The sessions will be held in the convent of St Alphonse (next to the church).  
Parking is available.
- Obviously candidates will attend Mass at St Alphonse each week at either the Saturday evening Mass (19:00), the Sunday morning Mass (11:15), or Sunday evening at 17:00 (19:00 during Summer) sharing in the life of the parish.
- Active involvement in parish life will be part of the programme, or service to the wider community.

The first class is due to take place on Wednesday 20 November.

*Candidates will be presented at the 11:15 Mass at St Alphonse on Sunday 19 January 2020.*

***First Year Programme below:***

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November – Parents Meeting after 11.15 Mass (Registration)**

**20th Nov.** 1st lesson - Being a Christian

**27th Nov.** 2nd lesson - I Believe

**30th Nov.** - Youth Mass St. Alphonse at 7.00pm

**8<sup>th</sup> Jan.** 3rd lesson - God the Father... General images of God

**5th Feb.** 4th lesson—Jesus of Nazareth

**8<sup>th</sup> Feb.** – Youth Mass

**12th Feb.** 5th lesson—Personal witness (Involvement)

**1st Apr.** 6th lesson—Scripture

**5<sup>th</sup> Apr.**- Youth Mass

**6<sup>th</sup> May** – Prayer and Meditation

## English speaking Catholic Community, St Alphonse, Luxembourg

### Registration for the Sacrament of Confirmation

1. Please complete the electronic registration form on [catholic.lu](http://catholic.lu) and return it to the parish office by Monday 18 November 2019 by email: [parish@catholic.lu](mailto:parish@catholic.lu)

2. Please complete the form below and the data protection form (at the back of this booklet) and return them in hard copy to the parish office or bring them to the first class.

NAME OF CANDIDATE: .....

I have read and understand the information given regarding the Confirmation programme, and wish to enrol our son/daughter. **I understand further that attendance at the preparation sessions is of the highest importance. Any absences must be notified:** too much disruption in the preparation of any candidate may lead to deferral of his/her Confirmation.

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There is no fee for preparation sessions, but a contribution of €100 is asked for each candidate, **payable at registration**, to cover necessary expenses for the 2 year programme. Details of the parish bank account are on the electronic registration form. If you have any difficulty with this contribution, please see Fr Ed privately. Each application should be accompanied by a Certificate of Baptism for the candidate, available from the church of Baptism. If the Baptism was in the Paroisse Européenne of Luxembourg, please contact the Notre Dame Office:

[notre-dame@cathol.lu](mailto:notre-dame@cathol.lu)

## Letter to Candidates from Fr Ed

You are thinking of taking part in our Confirmation programme. This is a significant step for you and your family. You are being confirmed in your Catholic faith. It's quite possible that you don't fully understand what this means, or wonder whether or not it's something you want to go through with; that's fine! The course is about exploration, not indoctrination; it's not just about 'religion' but also about how we live our life, what values we cherish, what dreams we have. It will be an enriching experience.

Simply enrolling on the programme does not mean that you are on a conveyor belt that will inevitably carry you, willing or not, to Confirmation. That is a decision you will make with your family, and with us to help you. If you decide to proceed to be Confirmed, that is good; if not, you will certainly have benefited from our time together.

Coming to the Confirmation classes will be in some ways like attending class at school; in other ways it will be different. You will be expected to participate fully in the programme, but you will also be invited to be honest about your opinions and beliefs, should you wish. Any questions you have could be important for the whole group.

As well as being able to talk to the leaders of the programme, I am available also; anything you say to me I will hold in complete confidence, and you should know by know that I am not judgmental or 'strict'. I will be happy to listen, to offer advice if you wish; and I will be present for most of the programme, having my say from time to time. I can be contacted directly on my mobile: **691 217 713** or at [fr.ed@pt.lu](mailto:fr.ed@pt.lu)

Thank you for being part of our parish, and for making these first approaches towards Confirmation.

All best wishes,

Fr Ed