

*Walking with my child on the*

# Confirmation Journey

Our Lady of Dolours Catholic Parish Chatswood



## My child's journey begins

Enrolment Day (date): not just an admin task, but a signal or reminder that I am about to embark upon a journey of learning and discovery with my child. A chance to make this one feel special, unique. A time for our whole family to grow in faith. I review my diary and clear some space.



## We Celebrate

Confirmation Day has arrived! I can rightly feel pleased with myself. I have brought my child to another milestone in their sacramental life as a Catholic. I have created the opportunity for him/her to receive an extraordinary gift: the gift of the Holy Spirit. Celebrate and enjoy!



## My child is presented

Today I present my child to the Catholic community. I can be rightly be proud of myself as I reflect on all the love, sweat and tears that have led to this day: the pregnancy, the birth, the baptism, the first steps, first day of school, joys and sufferings... and now this new step in his/her spiritual development...



## Practice

The practice helps to put my child at ease and the ceremony to flow smoothly.



## Nearly there...

Interview time arrives. As with all the steps I am witnessing to my child simply by making time for this step and treating it (my child!) as important. Interview day is also a reminder to focus on this precious time of grace in my child's life as he/she prepares to meet Jesus in a new way. Again, I check my diary and, as best I can, clear some space. Is there something we can do at home this week to make our child feel special?



## We Learn and Pray together

I am ready to help my child grow in his/her faith. Am I ready to grow myself? Children are such great teachers. I remind myself to treasure this time of reflecting upon profound truths - God's living, empowering, healing Spirit of love - as I journey with my child. The greatest way to depth my child faith development, is to grow in faith myself.