

## ***'Priest, Prophet and King' – the Fullness of Confirmation***

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Deacon Gilles Urquhart led a Confirmation Retreat at Our Lady of the Prairies Monastery in Holland for 30 candidates of the Holland and Swan Lake Catholic Centres on Saturday, May 28. These young people will be confirmed by Archbishop Albert LeGatt on Sunday, June 5.



The theme of the retreat focused on the role of priest, prophet and king granted to each one of us by virtue of our Baptism. As a priest, each one of us is to proclaim the Word of God through our actions. If someone strikes us, our Christian response is to turn the other cheek, rather than strike back.



Our prophetic charism encourages us to speak truth that is the Word of God and in order to speak the Word of God, we must be familiar with it and know it. Each one of us was challenged to read Scripture daily in order to know what it is that Jesus taught us. As king, we are to serve one another, just as Jesus served. As

the ultimate King looked after His people, we too are to look after one another. The children participated in small group discussions, brainstorming how they, as youth in today's world, are able to live their roles as priest, prophet and king.





Before lunch, all candidates received the Sacrament of Reconciliation to be spiritually prepared and open to **receive** the fullness of the Holy Spirit on Confirmation day.

Deacon Gilles left us with some great one-liners: Jesus is always the right answer! We are children of God and we can rightly and endearingly call Him “Abba, Father” which loosely translates into “Daddy”.

After the final presentation, the children and their parents returned to St John Berchmans Church in Holland for a rehearsal in anticipation of the celebration of the sacrament.

