



# Confirmation 2020-21

## Session 1 The Journey Begins

*Your child's faith journey continues.... Welcome to a new year of handing on to our children what was handed on to us! Sacraments are key to who we are as Catholic Christians. Because sacraments are so important to us, we take them seriously and prepare to receive them thoughtfully and thoroughly. We focus on building a strong partnership between families and the Church. Our sacramental team looks forward to meeting each of your children and kicking off this special year together! This is your teen's time to discover all of their possibilities and power, to use their gifts and talents to make the world a better place through their words, actions and witness.*

Please join us Saturday, November 7th, at the 4:30pm Mass for the **Call to Sacramental Preparation & Formation** for ALL Confirmation candidates. Although we will adhere to the social distancing norms for Church gatherings, this is still a time for our community to witness the faith of the teens that are beginning their Confirmation journey.

✚ The very first virtual Confirmation Orientation session will begin the following day, Sunday, November 8th at 6:00pm and will be facilitated by **Mary Lou Beers**, and is required for **both** the candidate and parent/s (*at least one parent must attend*).

There are a total of **seven mandatory sessions** as well as **two (virtual for now) conferences** and **one practice** date. Parent/s are required to attend two meetings: November 8th and 21st and *encouraged* to attend the Call to Sacramental Preparation & Formation on November 7th, as well as to join them for the Mass that kicks off their Confirmation Retreat on Sunday, February 7th. Details forthcoming.

**The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated by Bishop Roger Gries at Gesu on Sunday, April 11th at 2:00 pm.**



### A Note to Our Confirmation Candidates:

We are delighted that you are a part of this Confirmation journey. Your high school years are filled with countless activities, academics, and major life events.

It only seems fitting that Confirmation will play such an important role in your exciting life. After all, it is an invitation—a new beginning—a wonderful, lifelong journey that will commence while you are surrounded by people (parents, teachers, friends) who truly love and care about you! We are so blessed to be a part of your faith journey. Please know that our prayers and thoughts will always be with you.

### WELCOME!

Any Questions? Don't hesitate to contact Mary von Carlowitz at [mvoncarlowitz@churchofthegesu.org](mailto:mvoncarlowitz@churchofthegesu.org)

BUT YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND



YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.

ACTS 1:8