

May 2020

Dear families of rising 9<sup>th</sup> graders,

Those students who attend Christ Our King/Stella Maris School and are parishioners at Saint Benedict Catholic Church will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. The date of Confirmation will depend on the Bishop's calendar. Registration forms for Confirmation are attached and also available online.

The calendar will be available as soon as we have the guidelines from the Diocese and from the schools. The well being of our families both spiritually and physically is our concern. Thank you for your patience.

The Bishop has conferred with and approved the policies of both Father Mark Good and Father Robert Spencer concerning Confirmation. Father Mark and Father Spencer, as administrators of their respective parishes, have the option of making and employing policies concerning their parish.

Confirmation Policies for Saint Benedict Parishioners:

The sacrament of Confirmation is celebrated in the 9th grade.

Students who attend public school and are preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation are required to have three years of active participation in the religious education program. (grades 6-7-8).

A process of discernment will take place during the Spring of 8th grade to determine the candidate's readiness and commitment to the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

All students will attend weekly sacrament preparation classes and a retreat prior to the celebration of Confirmation.

They will also complete 20 hours of community service.

In accordance with Canon Law, students who attend Christ Our King/Stella Maris School and are parishioners of Saint Benedict will celebrate their sacrament with Saint Benedict in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They will also attend classes and the retreat.

Yours in Christ,

Reverend Mark Good