

Dear Parents,

The sacrament of Confirmation is an important step in our faith journey. It is essential that we are committed to the profession of faith we make during this sacrament. The candidates must attend class each week. They also must demonstrate their commitment to their faith by attending Mass each Sunday. An understanding and knowledge of our faith is of utmost importance. In order to acquire this, the candidates must be practicing their faith.

We are waiting for the date of Confirmation. It will be announced as soon as the Bishop's calendar is available.

**Classes :** Confirmation classes are scheduled for Sundays from 9:15-11:15. Candidates are required to attend Mass with their class and/or families. We will attend 11:30 Mass as a group. If you cannot attend this Mass please be sure that your candidates attends one weekend Mass and any Holy Days of Obligation.

**Baptism and Birth Certificates:** Please submit your child's Baptismal and Birth Certificate to the parish office with the registration form. We must have a copy of each on file.

**Parent meetings:** A calendar will be sent with meeting dates for parents. Attendance at these meetings is required.

**Sponsors:** A sponsor form is attached with this letter. A sponsor must be a practicing, baptized Catholic. A letter from the sponsor's parish indicating that they are active members of the parish is necessary.

**Service Hours:** Confirmation candidates are asked to do 20 hours of community service prior to their Confirmation. A service hour record sheet is also attached with this letter.

**Retreat:** All candidates are required to participate in a Confirmation retreat. As soon as we have the date we will let you know.

**Names:** Confirmation candidates may choose a saint name as their Confirmation name. All candidates must write an essay discussing their choice—who the saint is—what their life was like and why the candidate feels he/she is someone they would like to emulate. If the candidate chooses to use their Baptism name they must research the saint they are named for.

**Letters to the Bishop:** All candidates will write a letter to the Bishop. An outline will be given to each candidate to help them through the process. We will review the letters in class.

**Attire:** Confirmation is a very special day for the candidates. We encourage the boys to be dressed in blazers or suits, dress shirts, trousers and ties. The girls should wear dresses, which cover the shoulders, and are an appropriate length, in either white or pastel colors. Candidates should wear something **red** with their outfits. No sneakers or flip flops please!

**And please remind everyone to think RED when choosing their outfits for the evening to support our Confirmation class.**

Thank you and God bless,

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