

SAINT JOSEPH PARISH

August 16, 2017

Dear 2018 Confirmation Candidates & Families:

Welcome to our Confirmation preparation program! It is truly an exciting year.

Enclosed please find a copy of the Confirmation preparation schedule. Please note:

- Both a parent and the youth should attend the **Parent-Youth meeting on Wednesday, September 27**. We will reflect on the Sacrament of Confirmation and review the schedule for the year.
- **On November 4, we will host a Confirmation retreat from 9am-5pm.** The Archdiocese requires the 11th graders to attend a Confirmation retreat; if this date does not fit your schedule, please contact me so that we can make alternative arrangements. **Please return the enclosed permission slip by October 15.**
- Confirmation sponsors (or a proxy) should attend the **Sponsor-Youth meeting on December 6**. If a sponsor cannot attend, a parent is welcome to attend as a proxy. We will discuss the sponsor's role in preparation for this sacrament.

Also enclosed is the Confirmation candidate form. Please return to the Christian Formation office by November 19. This form indicates your interest in being confirmed and provides the necessary information for registering the sacrament.

Additionally, we have enclosed information on how to get text reminders about events and deadlines. Reminders also will be emailed.

Paperwork for Choosing a Saint Name, the Letter of Intention, and the Sponsor Activity Worksheet will be discussed throughout the year, but has been included here for completeness. Following the meeting, we will email the respective forms to the address on file. Copies of all paperwork also are available in the Christian Formation office and on our website.

Please feel free to contact me individually with any questions, comments, or concerns. It is my pleasure to support you as you prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

In Christ's Peace,

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