

August 1, 2011

Dear Parents:

I am writing this letter regarding the Sacrament of Confirmation for the youth of St. Andrew Parish. Our records show that your teen may be eligible to participate in the preparation process for the 2012 celebration of this sacrament.

The preparation process for Confirmation aims “the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit... To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to...the universal Church as well as the parish community.” (CCC 1309) This is the goal we strive towards in our preparation program.

In order for your teen to enroll in this program he or she must:

- be baptized Catholic
- have celebrated the Sacrament of First Communion
- be at least 15 years of age by September 1, 2011
- be enrolled in a Parish Religious Education, Catholic High School or Catholic Home School program

Enclosed you will find a Confirmation 2012 Preparation schedule along with the following:

- St. Andrew Parish Confirmation registration form
- Diocesan Liability Waiver - Form A
- Diocesan Emergency Treatment - Form B
- Riverbend Retreat Center registration form
- Confirmation Sponsor Information form

If your child is interested in a more intimate union with Christ and the Church and completing the sacraments of initiation through this program, please **complete all** of the enclosed forms and return them, *along with a copy of your teen’s baptismal certificate*, to the Pastoral Center.

- ✦ **All completed forms and the copy of the baptismal certificate must be returned together at least one week prior to the orientation session.**

Feel free to contact me at dpressley@standrewcc.org or my assistant, Kathy Lawson at klawson@standrewcc.org if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you and your teen during this preparation process.

Sincerely in Christ,

Denise Pressley
Director of Faith Formation
for Children and Youth

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