

SAINT ANDREW CATHOLIC CHURCH
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND SACRAMENTAL
PREPARATION WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

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RE: Confirmation Registration

Dear Parent/Guardians:

The parish family of Saint Andrew Catholic Church would like to invite your family to participate in the Confirmation preparation process. To be a candidate a young man or woman must be at least 15 AND a sophomore or higher. If you desire for your son/daughter to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation please complete the enclosed registration and attend one of the orientation sessions with your candidate:

Winter Cycle, 2008: Sunday, August 24 or Sunday, September 7 in the parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:30

OR

Spring Cycle, 2009: Sunday, January 4 or Sunday 11 in the Parish Hall from 6:30 to 8:30

Also enclosed you will find our Confirmation Schedule. We have two preparation cycles a year so that Confirmation candidates can fully participate in one cycle or the other. Each cycle consists of an orientation, eight catechetical sessions, a retreat, two service projects, a sponsor candidate dinner and a rehearsal/prayer vigil. To recommend your candidate to the bishop, we must have reviewed the basics of the faith, and observed them at prayer, living a sacramental life and doing good works. The preparation process makes this possible. If a candidate misses a session they must make up the session, but since no amount of make up work would recreate the group dynamics of the program a participant can not miss more than two sessions.

In addition, to the sessions we have a retreat, two service projects, a Sponsor and Candidate dinner and the Rehearsal/Prayer Vigil. Please check your calendars in advance! The more we have to make substitutions and invent opportunities the more likely your candidate may have to wait to celebrate the sacrament.

Parents and sponsors play an essential role in the preparation of their candidates. Parents introduce their candidates to the Sunday assembly at the 12:30 mass following the retreat. Sponsors and candidates discuss matters of faith during the Sponsor/Candidate dinner. Please be sure to set aside these times to participate in your candidate's sacramental preparation.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ristuccia
Director