



LNMV Religious Education Program

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Dear Parents and Students,

Preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation is a very important step in strengthening the candidates in the life of the Church, as well as in our Church community. Through the parish *Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Program*, your student will find a wealth of both spiritual and educational opportunities to grow and deepen their relationship with Jesus and His Church as they prepare for this Sacrament. While it is part of the vocation of the adult members of the Church to model lives of faith, it is ultimately the parents who are the primary models of faith for their children.

All registrations for the confirmation preparation classes are online this year along with the parent consent form that needs to be completed for each of the retreats. Each year we host a parent/student meeting for those in our Confirmation program. This meeting is a **mandatory meeting** that will explain the different responsibilities of the students in each year of their preparation for Confirmation. This meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday, September 14th at 7:30pm** in the Gym at Holy Cross School. Our hopes are that this will be easier for you since the night is already reserved for Religious Education. Prior to this time we have a parent meeting for First Communion.

Confirmation 1 (first year of confirmation classes) Students and Parents:

Students in Confirmation 1 class will be **required** to attend the Archdiocesan Youth Day on **Saturday, October 29, 2016**. We will be working toward providing bus transportation and will be leaving the Holy Cross School parking lot at approximately 12:00 noon. Students should arrive at the Holy Cross School, entering through the Gym Doors (please drop off students in the bus circle and to enter the gym at 11:15am). We will return to Holy Cross from the Roy Wilkins Auditorium in St. Paul's River Centre at approximately 10:00/10:15pm. Please complete the parent consent form that is required by the Archdiocese for this event on line and this will reserve your spot on the bus. This must be completed no later than **August 15th**.

Year II (grade 10) Confirmation Students and Parents:

Confirmation Date: Tuesday, May 2, 2017

Confirmation sponsors are encouraged to attend the meeting on Sept. 14th, please invite them. This will help them understand and encourage their Confirmation candidate on their journey of preparation during this year of formation leading up to their Confirmation.

The **mandatory** Confirmation Quest retreat for students in Confirmation 2 (grade 10) will be held on November 18th and 19th, 2016 at the Civic Center at Immaculate Conception in Lonsdale. Please mark your calendars for this retreat and let any employers know in advance that this date is required attendance. Please note this is NOT an overnight retreat, the students will be attending Friday night and returning on Saturday morning.

Archdiocesan Youth Day is optional for all our Confirmation 2 (10th grade) students (required for 9th grade students) on Sat. Oct. 29, 2016. Students will need to be at Holy Cross at 11:15am with the bus leaving at approx. 12:00 noon. Registration can be done online with your class registration. Students who attend can use this day to fulfill both faith events for the year.

AYD for students in grades 11 and 12: Registration materials can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Chlan directly, there is a fee of \$20.00 along with the consent form. Please put in an envelope marked "AYD 2016" and turned into Mrs. Chlan before August 15th. If the bus fills up we do need to give priority seating to those in the Confirmation program, but we will work with you to make sure we all can be one group!

Parents please consider being a chaperone, contact Kathy for more information!

We look forward to working with you to prepare your student to receive the *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit. If you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathy Chlan

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