

Religious Education
Historic St. Joseph's Church
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Dear Parents:

This year your child will enter a program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. In this program, WE CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION, your child will be asked to reflect upon what he or she believes. In the Sacrament of Confirmation your child will affirm the faith commitment you made in his or her name at Baptism.

Confirmation, together with Baptism and Eucharist, is one of the Sacraments of Christian initiation. In Confirmation the baptized person is strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit needed to live as a mature Christian. The WE CELEBRATE CONFIRMATION program provides immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Here at St. Joseph's Parish we would like to embrace a younger age for the Sacrament. Therefore:

- ❖ Confirmation Level I is Grade 7
- ❖ Confirmation Level II is Grade 8
- ❖ Confirmation Level III is Grade 9

All Candidates are required to attend the program in the Parish, **regardless of what school they attend** (Catholic or Public).

The program meets twice a month. It starts at the regular 5:00P.M. Mass, where the candidates do the readings, take up the collection, and bring up the gifts. At these Masses the Homily will be directed to the candidates who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Mass attendance is an integral part of the program and **attendance is mandatory**. Immediately following the Mass, the Confirmation candidates will meet in the Parish Center for pizza and soda. Then we will have class from 6:00P.M. to 8:00P.M.

The dates for our 2017 – 2018 year will be on Sundays for Grades 7 – 10.

2017

September 24	October 1	October 15	October 29
November 12	November 26	December 3(LaSalette Trip)	December 17

2018

January 7	January 21	January 28	February 11	February 25
March 11	March 25	April 8	April 15	April 22

It is important that your role in the candidates preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation be acknowledged. We invite you and your child to a ***very important meeting, on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 at 7:30 P.M. in the Parish Center.***

Enclosed you will find a Registration form. Please drop it off at the Rectory by ***Sunday, July 1, 2017.***

We at St. Joseph's Parish look forward to working with you and helping your child to celebrate their Baptismal commitment in Confirmation.

Sincerely yours,

Rev. Charles H. Galligan