

August 2016

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed is a Registration Form for the 2016-2017 Confirmation Program to be returned in the enclosed envelope by September 11<sup>th</sup>. All candidates who are to be Confirmed must attend class even if they go to a Catholic High School. The format includes 5:30 PM Mass attendance followed by a presentation immediately after Mass and a question/discussion period with mentors at tables in the Parish Hall. Pizza and water will be served and dismissal will be at 8 PM. With prior approval, exceptions to attend that Mass will be considered if there is a reason to attend another Mass. The first class is September 25th.

The schedule for the entire year is included. There are very few sessions so attendance is required for all classes. There will also be a **mandatory** retreat day on Saturday, February 4, 2017. We expect Confirmation to be in April or early May. When the date is firm we will inform you. Eight hours of approved community service is required for successful completion of the program. Various community service opportunities will be made available throughout the year. It is important that candidates do not wait until the last month to complete this assignment.

Please note: ALL APPLICATIONS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE UNLESS BAPTIZED AT CHRIST THE KING CHURCH AND SO INDICATED ON THE REGISTRATION FORM. A \$50 annual family tuition fee must also be included, unless previously submitted with another student. An additional \$15 robe fee is required at the time of registration. Sponsor's information/certificate will be required at a later date. If the fee is a problem for any family, you may speak with Mrs. Kathy Laird to have it waived.

All students are expected to maintain a respectful attitude throughout the program including both class and Mass. Attendance at Mass as a family is strongly encouraged as the students do not sit as a group. Students unable to maintain a respectful attitude will be removed from the class and you will be contacted to discuss the options for their continuation in the program. Please refer to the family handbook for details.

The students will be asked to make a declaration as to whether they want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. No student should be forced by a parent to be confirmed. It must be their choice. We do ask they attend at least the first semester of classes before making a negative decision. Candidates will be personally interviewed by Fr. Healey if deemed necessary. Obviously they will need your example and support in declaring their wishes.

We are looking forward to successful and spirit-filled year.

With Peace, Love, and Joy,  
Kathleen Laird, M.Ed.  
Deacon Gregory Beckel