

August 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Enclosed are Registration Forms for the 2018-2019 Confirmation Program to be returned at the mandatory parent meeting scheduled for Sunday, September 16<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. (Please do not mail in forms as they will not be accepted without attending the meeting.) All candidates who are to be Confirmed must attend class even if they go to a Catholic High School. The format includes Mass attendance (any of the available Masses are approved for requirement) and whole group meeting beginning at 11:30am with mentors at tables in the Parish Hall. Pizza and water will be served and dismissal will be at 1:00 PM. The first class is September 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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 2, 2018. We expect Confirmation to be in the spring. When the date is firm we will inform you. Eight hours of **approved** community service is required for successful completion of the program, with at least four of those hours served through parish sponsored ministry. 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 \$25 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.

The Church views the sacrament of Confirmation as a person's full initiation into the Catholic Church. This means that those who celebrate this sacrament are being asked to make a commitment to living as a disciple of Christ both within the parish community as well as in their daily lives. For your son/daughter, Confirmation will be the most important step that they will make in their lives of faith thus far. If they are to take this commitment seriously, we (you as parents and us as a Church community) need to work together to guide and support them in order to help them to make a true and lasting commitment to Christ, a relationship that will have lasting effects throughout their lives. Those who participate in the program will also be expected to attend Mass each week, as the Church prescribes. Throughout the course of the program, students will be encouraged to participate in one of the various ministries our parish has to offer in addition to living out the mission of the Church in their daily lives.

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 their desire to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Candidates will be personally interviewed by Fr. Healey if deemed necessary. 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.

## CANDIDATE COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

As you take the time to discern a deeper commitment to your relationship with Christ, it is our hope that through this process you deepen your relationship with Christ, connect with other believers, discover your gifts and talents, grow in your faith, and see what an impact you can have on the Church, the community, and the world.

By signing below, I commit to:

1. Fully participating in the Confirmation process set forth by Christ the King Parish.
2. Attend all of the required Confirmation group sessions and meetings throughout the year, missing no more than 4 classes.
3. Be responsible for collecting all make-up work and completing the accompanying assignments in a timely manner.
4. Attend Mass each weekend.
5. Attend the Confirmation Retreat
6. Take the next step in my faith through participation in a particular ministry in the parish and carry out the mission of the Church through my daily life.

By signing this commitment form, I fully understand and agree to all the guidelines and procedures set forth by Christ the King Parish. I also understand that not fulfilling these commitments may delay the date on which I am confirmed.

Student signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

## PARENT / GUARDIAN COMMITMENT AGREEMENT

As a parent/guardian, I understand by signing this commitment form that I agree with and fully understand all the guidelines and procedures set forth by Christ the King Parish and will continually support my son/daughter in fulfilling his/her commitment to the program. I also understand that if my child does not fulfill each commitment, the date on which he or she is confirmed might be delayed.

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_