

Welcome!

Welcome to all students and their parents/guardians in the Good Shepherd Confirmation Program. Confirmation is the third and final sacrament of initiation into our Church. This preparation period is a time of growing and recommitting to the Catholic faith, often not just for students but for families and sponsors as well.

Dear students – I welcome each of you into our program! I hope that you will use this time to understand why you and your parents want you to be confirmed and, more importantly, what being Catholic means to you. We would like to help you in this process.

Dear parents – I thank you for bringing your child to Good Shepherd church and for making Confirmation a priority for your family. Your dedication to the faith, your example of living faith and desire to help your child learn about it, can only help him/her see it as an important part of his/her life as well. Thank you for your willingness to work with us as a family for the benefit of “our” children. Please remember that you are the best teacher and model of our faith and we are grateful to have you as part of our community. We ask you to read the attached registration letter which includes all the information about the registration process and class attendance this year for all grades. Also, we encourage all families to join us at weekly Mass in church or if you feel more comfortable you may participate in livestream Mass on our website or facebook. Even though classes will look a little bit different we are truly excited to prepare your child to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Some of you may find this program challenging for you and your child. Because for two years you will need to balance between the demands of schoolwork, sports, friends, and our program. But, the Good Shepherd staff with God’s help want to carry all of you through these challenging years. It is important to remember that your son or daughter and whole family will get out of Confirmation what you have put into it.

Once again, thank you for joining the Confirmation program at Good Shepherd. It means that you decided to follow the baptismal commitment. Confirmation brings about an increase and deepening of baptismal grace. It gives a new and special outpouring of the Holy Spirit on the baptized and an opportunity to put his/her faith into action. That is why we are very excited

about you starting your journey through Confirmation. We hope you will enjoy the program, and use this time to grow up in your faith.

Please keep this handbook. It contains important program information regarding classes and policies. We would appreciate it if you read and discuss these policies with your children. If you have any questions about the Confirmation program, please do not hesitate to email me at frmichael@goodshepherdrc.org or call me at 973-786-6631 (ext. 209). Also, you can contact our Confirmation Program Assistant: Mrs. Allison Holdt, allison@goodshepherdrc.org, 973-786-6415 (ext. 203). In the beginning of the Confirmation program we will have an obligatory meeting for 9th and 10th Graders with their parents. Please check the schedule. I look forward to meeting you all soon!

May God continue to bless you and your family!

Fr. Michael

Confirmation Program Coordinator

Tuition Fees:

- **1 child \$150**
- **2 children \$250**
- **3 children \$375**

Payment Information: Nonrefundable tuition

payment for the **two-year** Confirmation Program is expected at time of registration.

Families with financial difficulties are encouraged to contact Fr. Michael or Fr. Tim.

Registrations received after Aug. 30, 2020 will receive a \$25 late fee.