



***St. Mary's Parish Family
Faith Formation***

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Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

This must be an exciting time for you and your family as your child (Candidate) will be entering the ***first year*** of a ***two-year*** preparation period in order to complete their initiation into our Catholic Faith with the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the 9th grade.

Even though the Candidate is fortunate to attend a Catholic school and receive religious instruction daily he/she is required to register for preparation classes in our parish. As a courtesy, I am contacting you with important information regarding the reception of the sacrament.

- You must be a registered and practicing member of St. Mary's Parish in order for the Candidate to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ***You must register the Candidate for class.*** I have included a registration form which must be returned during the registration period on either September 9th or 23rd after the 8:30 or 10:30 Mass. There is a \$35.00 fee due at the time of registration.
- If you are registering for the first time, a **COPY** of the Candidate's **Catholic Baptismal Certificate** is required. If the Candidate was baptized at St. Mary's Parish, New Bedford, you need only supply the date and I will look for his/her baptismal record.
- The Candidate will also be required to attend the mass of their choice each weekend. *This is a weekly commitment and attendance is checked.*
- In order for you to plan accordingly, you will receive a schedule of classes/meetings that the Candidate will be required to attend.
- Registration will be held on Sunday, September 9th and Sunday, September 23rd after the 8:30 and 10:30 AM Masses.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have at 508-995-3593 x108 or by email at davidbeaulieu@stmarysnb.com.

Sincerely,

David A. Beaulieu
Director of Faith Formation
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"Let the children come to me..." Luke 18:16