



St Paul Cathedral

LIFETEEN

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Dear Parents and Students

Our Confirmation and Youth Ministry programs will be changing in the new future. As some of you have heard, the Diocese of Yakima is changing the requirements for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. In anticipating these changes, here at St Paul Cathedral, we will be registering for Confirmation ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS that will be confirmed in late May or early June of 2022.

As part of the Confirmation Preparation, we are instructing confirmation candidates to participate in our Sunday night Lifenites following the Lifeteen Mass. Starting in January, we will begin our **Confirmation Classes as part of the Sunday night Lifenites. These classes will be mandatory** and will continue until the Confirmation Ceremony that will take place in late May/early June.

These Sunday night Confirmation Prep (Lifenites) will give our students a more comprehensive overview of the Sacrament as well as deepen their understanding of the teachings of the Catholic Faith and how to apply it to our daily lives.

For those of you that have already been confirmed, this is your opportunity to live out your call as a Confirmed Catholic to share your faith with others by participating in Lifeteen beyond Confirmation prep. **CONFIRMATION IS NOT THE END. IT IS JUST THE BEGINNING. CHRIST IS CALLING YOU AND YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU.**

In recent studies, the average age that young people leave the Faith is age 13. Age **13**. There are various reasons for this Exodus. At the top of reasons our teens (and pre-teens) are leaving the Faith is that they do not see Faith & Science as being compatible. Nothing can be farther from the Truth. Along with teaching the principles of the Catholic Faith, Lifeteen, Spy Edge and our Confirmation Program are striving to share that Science & Reason go hand in hand with our Catholic Faith and are not opposed to each other.

For this reason, the Diocese will be confirming in 8th grade in the coming years. This will look different in each parish. Here at St Paul Cathedral, beginning in the Fall of 2022, we will begin Confirmation Prep in 8th Grade.

Thank you for taking the time to read this and please pray for our ministries as we navigate these changes to better serve the young people of our community. As we begin this transition, your patience and understanding is greatly appreciated.

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