



St. Patrick Church
Religious Education Office

September 15, 2020

Dear Confirmation Parents and Students,

Enclosed in this mailing you will find the Confirmation information for this year. Please read through the packet carefully as it contains all of the information you will need.

We will be having a Confirmation parent meeting **Wednesday, October 21, at 7 pm and Thursday, October 22, at 7 pm** virtually via Zoom. Since important information regarding Sacramental preparation will be discussed, we will offer two choices so that at least one parent for each candidate will be able to attend. Both meetings will be the same so you only have to attend one of them. I will send out the zoom link the week prior to the meetings, so it is important that you are registered and I have an active email by that time. It is strongly advised that parents should attend one of these meetings.

We do not have a date for Confirmation yet this year. More information will be distributed as that date approaches. We applied for a date sometime in April 2021 with the Bishop's office.

Students will be expected to attend all of the classes. The classes will begin immediately following the 9 am Mass. That means as soon as Mass is over the students will be dismissed to Muldoon Hall (the church basement) and class will begin. We have set this program up as an immediate prep program and therefore their participation at class is very important. If your candidate is unable or uncomfortable attending classes at this time, sessions will be scheduled virtually to make up that time.

Our first class will be held on Sunday, October 25, 2020. It will begin immediately following the 9:00 AM mass, at 10:00am. Students attending this Mass will be dismissed immediately after. Classes will end prior to the 11am Mass. **At this time, we have only scheduled fall classes, October 25 and November 22. There will be classes January-April. We will schedule those classes in November when we evaluate how recommendations proceed this fall.** Note for those enrolled in Religious Education Classes: Please remember that the Confirmation classes are *in addition* to the RE classes.

Candidates are also expected to participate in a retreat day. We have tentatively set this retreat day for March 6. Closer to the date, when we are more sure of safety recommendations, we will send out a schedule for the day, but wanted to let you know our intention for your family schedules.

We have not scheduled any parent sessions at this time. If recommendations change in the spring, we may ask parents to gather at that time. Again, look for further schedule details in November.

All registration forms and fees are due into the RE office by October 14, 2020. Thank you if you have already completed the forms and paid the fee. Please mark all forms "Attn: Confirmation" in order to make them easier to sort.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me.

Yours in Christ,

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