



The Roman Catholic Community of Saint Paschal Baylon

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Dear 2018-2019 Confirmation Candidates,

We hope you are enjoying the wind down of the school year! We wanted to get in touch with you about the requirements of our Confirmation program for your 8th grade year. We are Mr. and Mrs. George and Anna Peko, Catechetical Leaders here at Saint Paschal Baylon. For the past 8 years, we have been involved in several ministries such as baptism preparation, RCIA, the Parish School of Religion (PSR), and of course Confirmation. Mrs. Peko also teaches junior high math at Saint Paschal Baylon School.

We have included a copy of the Confirmation Calendar as well as the Service Hour Log sheet. As stated on the calendar, our regular Confirmation sessions will begin at **9am** in Saint Paschal Baylon School. After about an hour session, each of our events will end with the 10am Mass in the Church. We will sit together by the baptismal font.

As noted on our calendar, we have our **Opening Confirmation Parent Meeting** on Sunday, August 26. We will gather in O'Brien Hall where you will receive important registration information for the Confirmation Program as well as information about Sponsors and Confirmation names. We ask that at least 1 parent in addition to the Candidate join us for this important informational meeting. After meeting your Confirmation catechist in the classrooms, we will all attend 10am Mass together.

Also included here is our **Service Hour Log sheet**. A minimum of **20 hours** of volunteer service is required for Confirmation preparation. Each volunteer experience is to be tracked on the Service Hour Log and submitted ASAP, but no later than Sunday, April 7 at the Confirmation Retreat. A plethora of opportunities for service will be available throughout the year and can be tracked in addition to any service done in the community. **Start your Service Hours over the summer!** Imagine if you completed all 20 hours before next school year starts up!

Another opportunity required for Confirmation involves our parish Youth Group. Mrs. EvaMarie Mickol is the Youth Group Minister. **Each Confirmation Candidate is required to attend at least 4 Youth Group meetings before the Confirmation Retreat** on Sunday, April 7. This is another great way to foster the Candidates on their faith journeys! Again, only 4 meetings are required. You can *easily* complete this requirement over the summer!

Lastly, we do not yet know when the Confirmation Mass will be for next year. The Bishop's office has not yet scheduled it. During our Opening Parent meeting in August, we will have an updated calendar for you.

We are excited about the upcoming year! Please let us know if you have any questions about the Confirmation program. Please check your email and the bulletin for notices from us.

Thank you so much and God bless!

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