



## Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist

Summer of 2019

Dear Parents of Year One Confirmation Candidates,

We have an exciting year ahead for your son/daughter as they begin their Confirmation preparation! At the Co-Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Confirmation preparation typically begins in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year and continues through 10<sup>th</sup> grade with students receiving the Sacrament in spring of their sophomore year.

“Confirmation is the Sacrament that completes baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us” (CCC, 1285). The Sacrament of Confirmation is a beautiful gift given to us and we want to be sure to do all we can to help our young people prepare for, understand and accept it!

Year One candidates will meet approximately two Wednesdays a month from 6-7:15pm at St. John’s in both large and small groups. We will be using an excellent program called “CHOSEN” from Ascension Press that serves as a great resource to aid in the preparation process. In addition to these bi-monthly gatherings, there will be further opportunities for service, prayer, and fellowship!

**The first Confirmation meeting will be for students and a parent/guardian on Wednesday, September 11<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:00pm in the church. This meeting is mandatory as it is very important to start this journey with everyone together.** At this meeting we will talk in detail about Confirmation preparation and you will receive a packet with detailed information regarding the coming two years.

Registration, which can be done online or on a printed form, are due to the Parish Center by Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and the fee for the year is \$50. We always want to encourage more parent participation so please let me know if you are open to volunteering in some capacity with the Confirmation class.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and getting to know you and your children! It is a great blessing and privilege to work with young people and to be connected with such faithful families, all of whom continue to bless me and the work I am called to do. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Come Holy Spirit, Come through Mary,

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