

April 2019,

Dear Parent/Guardians of the Confirmation Class of 2020,

It has been wonderful getting to know this group of students. Thank you for your commitment and support. As you all know, the Sacrament of Confirmation is a beautiful gift and we are grateful to you for taking preparation seriously.

We are trying something new this year and are asking you to go ahead and register for the 2nd year of Confirmation preparation now. In year two of Confirmation preparation, candidates will continue to meet approximately two Wednesdays a month beginning in September. In addition to these two gatherings a month there will be further opportunities for service, prayer, and fellowship. A complete calendar with dates for year 2 is available on our website and will be e-mailed out. Please save the date for the mandatory Confirmation retreat which will be November 16-17, 2019 at Camp Victory. The registration fee of \$60 for the year includes the cost for the overnight retreat.

We ask that candidates and their families continue to stay engaged over the summer. First and foremost, attend Mass **every weekend**, whether it's here at St. John's, or wherever your summer adventures may take you! Also to give you a snapshot of opportunities that we've been mentioning all year long, there is the Steubenville youth conference, our Parish mission trip and being a leader at Camp Summit. There are also continued opportunities for service like volunteering at VBS mid-June, as a family with Family Promise or our monthly opportunity to serve at Channel One. Please reach out to either me or my colleague, Neal, to get involved! Candidates can write a reflection on any service experience from this summer to go towards the three service projects they will be asked to do again for year two of Confirmation preparation.

I am looking forward to working with all of you and continuing to get to know you and your children! It is such a joy to work with young people and to be connected with such faithful families. Thank you for your commitment during our first year of preparation; I am really excited to continue on this journey with all of you.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Come Holy Spirit, Come through Mary,

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