



ST. THERESE CHURCH

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Dear Parents / Guardians,

The Confirmation Class of 2018 is now being formed. As the 8th grade students near the time of their graduation, we must prepare for their entry into the two year Confirmation Program. The Confirmation Program provides a unique environment for learning, exploring, sharing and expressing faith in small group settings.

You, and your son / daughter, are asked to attend an Orientation Meeting on **Wednesday, May 18, 2016, from 7:00 - 8:30 PM**, in the school auditorium. We will review the components of the Confirmation program. In addition, the requirements to be met by the candidates and the support needed from you will be discussed.

Currently, **I am seeking Sponsor Catechists for this coming class**. Once the Sponsor Catechists are in place, we will assign the candidates into their small groups. Candidates will be contacted before the program begins in September as to which group they are in. If you are considering becoming a Sponsor Catechist or would like more information about what is involved, please contact me at the email address below. It is a very rewarding position; one in which you share your faith with our young candidates.

Since parental support is extremely essential to the success of the program, we request that you give this meeting a high priority. Certain aspects of the program, such as attending weekly mass, will require a commitment on the parent's part as well as the candidate's. Entering into the Confirmation program means committing oneself to becoming a full, active member of the Church. Therefore, receiving the Holy Eucharist on a weekly basis is as necessary a means of achieving spiritual growth as attending the faith theme sessions and liturgical events are necessary in achieving intellectual growth.

A registration form for the 2018 Confirmation Class has been enclosed with this letter. **The registration fee for the two year program is \$150.00**. This fee needs to be paid with the completed registration form. The registration form and check should be mailed to: St. Therese Rectory, 7 Hunter Street, Succasunna, N.J. 07876, Attn: Mrs. Nancy Fay ~ Confirmation. Checks should be made payable to **St. Therese Church**. **(If your child was not baptized at St. Therese Church, please include copy of their baptismal certificate with the registration form.)** I understand it may be difficult to pay the full fee at once. If it is not possible to pay the \$150 fee at the time of registration, please include a note with your registration form and you will be contacted by our finance administrator from the rectory, Nancy Fay. The most important thing is to get your child registered now. If your child would like to be placed with a friend, please write **ONE** friend's name on the top of the registration form and indicate that they would like to be in the same group. Please do not write more than one name across the top of the form. Every effort will be made to place your child with their close friends. **Registration forms, payment, and a copy baptismal certificate (if needed) must be mailed to the rectory before our meeting on Wednesday, May 18th. In order to fulfill diocesan policy, all Religious Education payments must be submitted to the rectory only. All registration forms received after July 31st will be charged a \$25 late fee.**

On behalf of the entire pastoral staff of our parish, I sincerely thank you for your genuine interest and continued dedication to the religious formation of your son / daughter.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at your convenience. My home email address is: michool02ss@aol.com.

God Bless You,
Michael Harding
Youth Minister