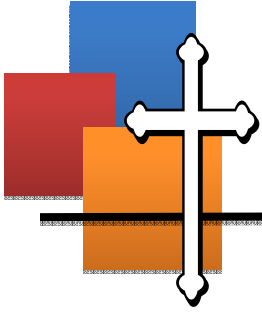


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Dear Families,

Welcome to a new year of opportunities for our parish Religious Education program. This year is a very special one for your family. Together we continue the process of preparing you for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation Preparation begins in September of your sixth year of religious instruction and concludes with the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of your eighth year. It is a conscious awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life and an opportunity for each candidate to make a commitment to work with that Spirit as a Roman Catholic. To be confirmed is a choice each family should discuss and make together over the course of the next year. The Confirmation Process (through group sessions, service projects, prayer opportunities, retreats, mass attendance and faith sharing with one's sponsor and parents) will assist each candidate as they prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit to fully live the Catholic way of life and be of Christian service for others.

Now that you have accepted the invitation to participate in the Confirmation Preparation Process, we ask that you call the office and schedule an interview (dates will be made available on September 21, 2011.) Each candidate along with his/her parents will be asked to meet with members of our interview team. The purpose of the interview is for the team to meet and establish a relationship with our families and answer questions and concerns first hand. It will also give us the opportunity to explain the program in a more personal way.

Candidates and parents, please consider getting involved in our program by volunteering your time at different parish events, as lectors at our family mass on Sunday mornings, and/or as helpers with our elementary school children during regular class times. Your time would really be appreciated.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Audrey Angelini, CRE