

CONFIRMATION PARENT UPDATE

SMALL FAITH GROUPS WILL BEGIN THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 25; HOWEVER, THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 21 CANDIDATES WHO HAVE NOT RESPONDED BY TURNING IN A RESERVATION FORM.

Many of our parish Confirmation candidates have hectic schedules, however, there are only six small faith group meetings. If a candidate needs to miss one or two simply contact MaryEllen Casselman at the parish religious education office (708-383-4185 ext 103).

CANDIDATES ARE ASKED TO PLEASE RESPONSE BY RETURNING THEIR FORM NO LATER THAN OCTOBER 16 with their availability. The small faith groups are an opportunity for the candidates to meet with their peers to talk about faith issues outside their usual classroom environment. It is intended to give them the space to piece together the experiences of their Confirmation preparation and their development as adults in the eyes of the Catholic Church.

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ENROLLMENT MASS.....

SUNDAY OCTOBER 16TH

@ 11:15AM

CANDIDATE are to "CHECK IN"
in the back gathering space of the church PRIOR TO SELECTING A PEW!

CONFIRMATION RECORD FORMS DUE

PARENTS of Confirmation candidates are asked to complete the RECORD FORM for their candidate and return it to their candidate's teacher or catechist by WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH

(RECORD FORMS MAY BE LOCATED IN THE CANDIDATE PACKET ON PAGE 1.)

ACCURATE INFORMATION IS NEEDED ON THESE FORMS SO SACRAMENTAL RECORDS MAYBE UPDATED FOR THE ARCHDIOCESE.

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NAME PAPER DUE

Candidates should have RESEARCHED AND SELECTED their **Confirmation name** by this time and have completed writing their NAME PAPER. **Even if you are renewing your Baptismal name you still need to write this paper!!!!!!** A description of the assignment and a rubric may be found in your Candidate packet on pages 12 & 13 respectively.

Papers are due to your teacher/catechist by WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 19TH!!!!!!

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SHARE YOUR FAITH

Having been through the preparation of two Confirmation candidates, I realize this is the most challenge piece for parents. Your child truly does look to you for guidance, especially when it comes to issues of faith. Even if you do not think they are aware of your actions believe me they are!!

- Attend mass with your candidate
- Serve along with them whenever possible
- Talk about what went well in your day, and what didn't go well
- Share when you experienced the presence of God in your day
- Pray with and for your candidate each day

Try to remember what you felt like at their age when you talk with them, and let them know you support and love them. Remember you are mentoring them into a Catholic Christian way of life and they will follow your lead.

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CONFIRMATION PHOTOGRAPHY

The parish Religious Education office has received information from Tom Killoran Photography offering the service of digitally photographing each Confirmation candidate as they are being anointed and providing immediate availability of framed photographs after the Confirmation mass.

Many parishes have used the services of Mr. Killoran and have been quite pleased. Mr. Killoran has also received positive feedback for the Bishops of the Archdiocese as well.

Your feedback on this opportunity is greatly needed. Please contact MaryEllen Casselman at 708-383-4185 or via email at mecasselman@stgilesparish.org no later than November 3rd.