

CONFIRMATION NOTES...

We expect to celebrate Confirmation in the Fall. The time and place is yet to be determined according to the Bishop's schedule. As soon as we have this information we will let you know. In preparation for the Sacrament your child is expected to meet the following guidelines and requirements.

1. Each student will be accepted as candidate for Confirmation on an individual basis. No student will be refused Confirmation but their readiness will be accessed according to three criteria.
 - a. Service hours in the community (minimum of 20 hours).
 - b. Weekly attendance at Mass.
 - c. Completion of a written proficiency test showing that they understand their faith.
2. To assist in preparing for the written test, each student will be given a Study Booklet that has all the information he/she will need to know. Mrs. Gallivan will also provide a review class for those who wish to study as a group. Most of the information should be familiar after 9 years of Religious Education in the Parish and the home.
3. Each student will attend an interview with Fr. Steuterman and Mrs. Gallivan to talk about their understanding of Confirmation and to discuss their Mass attendance and service work.

At this time I am asking you to prepare for the interview by being able to provide me:

1. The name that you will take for Confirmation. It must be the name of someone you admire and aspire to be like; a known saint or perhaps a relative in your family or a biblical name. You will be asked the reason for the choice. Boys may take a traditional girls' name and vice-versa.
2. The name and address of the person who will serve as your sponsor for the Sacrament. This person must be confirmed and a practicing Catholic. The sponsor cannot be a parent.
3. A formal letter addressed to me, requesting that I recommend you to the Bishop for Confirmation and why.
4. A list of hours you have completed for your Service Hours as explained in class and what and where you completed these hours.

Once all the interviews and the written test are completed, I will notify you of your results. At that time I will give you further dates and other requirements that will take place in the Fall.

Questions or concerns....please call me or see me in church.

Blessings.....

Fr. Steuterman