



**SAINT ANDREW**  
CATHOLIC PARISH

August, 2017

Dear Parents and Guardians:

Our parish records show that you have a teen who may be ready to prepare for the final initiation sacrament of Confirmation this year.

The formation process for Confirmation aims “the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit...To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to...the universal Church as well as the parish community.” (CCC 1309) This is the goal we strive towards in our program. In addition the Code of Canon Law (C 519 and following) states that it is the responsibility of the pastor to see to the pastoral care of those who are within the boundaries of his parish. Canon 890 (and following), specify that the pastor, with parents (and parish staff) are to see that the faithful are prepared for and receive the sacraments at the appropriate time. It is appropriately inferred from these Canons that the ordinary place for a person to be prepared for and to celebrate the sacraments is in his or her own parish. For extra-ordinary reasons, the pastor may give permission to a pastor of a neighboring parish to prepare the person at the other parish and/or to celebrate the sacraments when prepared. We at Saint Andrew Parish are as flexible as we can be to fulfill the important responsibilities entrusted to us. Before making a decision to go to another parish, you need to talk with us and if we cannot work around a difficulty, then we can consider providing the needed permission to the other parish.

In order for you teen to enroll in this program he or she must:

- Be baptized Catholic and have celebrated the Sacrament of Eucharist
- Be at least 15 years old by September 1, 2017 AND at least a sophomore in high school
- Consistently attended Catholic parish youth group, Catholic high school or completed an approved Catholic home school program during the 2016-2017 school year
- Currently be consistently attending a parish youth group, Catholic high school or taking an approved Catholic home school program

Enclosed you will find a Confirmation 2018 formation schedule. Please review these dates as your candidate is required to attend all sessions and the retreat. He or she will also need to complete one of our designated service projects. Also enclosed are the following:


- Saint Andrew Parish Confirmation registration form
- Diocesan Liability Waiver – Form A
- Diocesan Liability Waiver – Form B
- Riverbend Retreat Center registration form
- Confirmation Sponsor information form


You will also need to submit a **NEW** baptismal certificate. Please contact the parish where your child was baptized and request a new certificate with notations.

If your child is ready for a more intimate union with Christ and His Church and to complete the sacraments of initiation through this program, complete and return **all** of the enclosed forms along with the new baptismal certificate and the registration fee to the Pastoral Center. The complete packet must be returned at least one week prior to the orientation you and your candidate will attend. Incomplete packets will be returned.

If you have any questions please contact me at [klawson@standrewcc.org](mailto:klawson@standrewcc.org). or at the number below.

Sincerely in Christ,

  
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