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Confirmation 2024

Dear Young Catholic,

At your baptism, your parents and godparents passed down their faith to you and made promises on your behalf. Now you are ready to own that faith and make those same baptismal promises. In the sacrament of Confirmation, you are going to publicly declare your commitment to your baptismal promises and thereby seal your identity as a follower of Jesus Christ. Simultaneously, you receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit to help you keep that commitment.

If you are willing to take this next step in your life, this program requires your full commitment to attend and participate at Holy Mass every Sunday, sessions of catechetical instruction, and a day for a retreat/rehearsal. Please see the package for Confirmation preparation program for more details.

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

The family has the greatest role in instilling human and Christian values. The family, like the Church, ought to be the place where the Gospel is transmitted and from which the Gospel radiates. Parents have the primary responsibility to accompany their children in their journey of faith. The formation of children depends on the help, example, and influence of their parents. Parents are expected to have contact with their priests and catechists, to be present at all Sunday masses – especially at the Confirmation ceremony – and to attest to their child's spiritual progress.

You are in my prayers,

Rev. Frank Portelli
Rector

Confirmation Preparation Program Events and Requirements:

1. **On-line Registration with baptismal certificate.** The registration deadline is January 21, 2024.

[CLICK HERE FOR REGISTRATION FORM](#)

2. **Parents' Meeting.** Sunday, January 14 at 1:30 PM, in the Cathedral Atrium (see instructions below).
 - ❖ Please bring a copy of you child's baptismal certificate as proof of authenticity.
3. **In-person Classes.** 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM in the Cathedral Atrium.
 - ❖ Two sessions: Group 1- Saturday; Group 2 - Sunday.
 - ❖ Every other week starting January 14th (with some exceptions, please see the following schedule below for specific details)

Note: We realize that scheduling of other events might conflict with Confirmation classes and ceremony, but all sessions are mandatory. Please email the Lay Pastoral Associate, Chelsea for any major and foreseeable absences.

4. **Retreat/Confessions.** 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM in the Crypt Chapel, Atrium, & Cathedral
 - ❖ Saturday, May 18th
5. **Rehearsal(s).** More information will be forthcoming.
6. **A Sponsor.** Please have a sponsor chosen before registering your child. See details about sponsor requirements below.

Confirmation Sponsor Requirements:

- ❖ Must be at least 16 years of age by the time of the Confirmation ceremony.
 - ❖ Must be fully initiated into the Catholic Faith
 - Cannot be non-Catholic Christian, nor can he/she be from a non-Christian faith.
 - ❖ A model of faith for the candidate, practicing and in good standing with the Church
 - ❖ Cannot be a parent of the candidate.
7. **A Fee** of \$40.00 to cover the materials for the sacramental preparation and ceremony.

SCHEDULE

Week	Topic	Date:	Date:
1	Parent Information Session	Sunday, January 14 @ 1:30 p.m.	
2	Who You Are Matters	Saturday, January 27	Sunday, January 28
3	I Believe in God	Saturday, February 10	Sunday, February 11
4	Human Anthropology	Saturday, March 2	Sunday, March 3
5	The Steadfast Love of God	Saturday, March 16	Sunday, March 17
6	The Holy Spirit: Signed, Sealed, & Confirmed	Saturday, April 6	Sunday, April 7
7	Transformed by the Spirit	Saturday, April 20	Sunday, April 21
8	Gifts of the Spirit	Saturday, May 4	Sunday, May 5
9	Retreat: Christian Leadership by Example	Saturday, May 18	
10	<i>Sacrament of Confirmation</i>	Sunday, May 19, 2024	

MEETING SPACE INSTRUCTIONS:

Access to the Cathedral Atrium Meeting room is as follows:

1. Proceed to 65 Bond Street (Cathedral main entrance).
2. Rather than going inside the Cathedral, please find the black gate on the North side of the Cathedral courtyard (closest to the Choir school, by the accessibility ramp).
3. A security guard or volunteer will be there to open the gate and let you in through the Atrium Courtyard (otherwise please wait for someone to let you in).
4. Proceed straight through the gate and up the ramp to the double doors (again a volunteer will be present to let you into the Atrium meeting space).

ACCOMMODATIONS:

To ensure a safe and supportive learning environment, we ask parents to please contact Chelsea to make accommodations for students who request and need it.

Additionally, there will be a light snack provided at these sessions, so if your child has any allergies, please contact Chelsea with this information.

CONFIRMATION DATE:

❖ Sunday, May 19 at 12-Noon Mass

CONTACT INFORMATION:

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