



QUEEN OF ANGELS PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION OFFICE
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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Another school year has arrived, and life has suddenly become more hectic than usual for us all. But please take the time to read this letter carefully, because it contains important information about Confirmation Preparation, which will be beginning soon at our parish.

When a young person is Confirmed, it is a landmark in his or her young life. In this sacrament, he or she is affirmed by God as his child, confirmed in faith by the Holy Spirit and welcomed by our Lord Jesus Christ into full membership in his Church. This is also a time when young people on the brink of adulthood are invited and challenged to take on a greater role in contributing to the life of the parish community through service and involvement in parish ministries.

At Queen of Angels we extend the invitation to be Confirmed to eighth graders and high-school students in our community. Our Confirmation classes include students from Queen of Angels School, alumni of our Sunday Morning Religious Education program, and newcomers to the parish community. In this diverse grouping, students come to understand the universality of their faith by witnessing the different personalities and backgrounds of their Catholic peers.

It is not only through their friends and peers that these young people will come to a greater appreciation of their faith. Catholic families are the “domestic Church,” and the example of Christian life begins at home, with the warmth and support parents give to their children. Through our concern for the welfare of others, through our support for the Church and our weekly attendance at Mass, we are witnesses of the Holy Spirit that we received through the grace of Baptism and the Sacrament of Confirmation. This same spirit calls us and moves us to pass on the gift of Confirmation to our sons and daughters.

It is therefore very important that you attend an Information Meeting for Confirmation, to be held at 7:00 PM on Monday, September 15th, 2014 in the Voss Parish Center, 4412 N. Western Ave. Candidates should not attend this meeting, as it is only for parents and guardians. The meeting will last no more than an hour, and during this time you will receive more information about the content of the preparation program, including a schedule of classes and related activities. **Please show your support for your child and your wish for his or her Confirmation by attending. Student classes will begin Monday, September 22nd at 6:45 PM.**

The greatest treasure we have to give our children is our Catholic Faith. Please consider this invitation to Confirmation carefully, through prayer and open discussion. I am looking forward to seeing you at the Information Meeting and at Mass this Sunday. If you have any questions, please call the Religious Education Office at 773-769-4211 ext. 215 and speak to the program coordinator, Rachel Hohner, or leave a message on her voicemail. You can also reach either of us directly at the Parish Center at 773-539-7510.

God bless,

Msgr. Jim Kaczorowski
Pastor