

Confirmation 2020-2021

Parents and Confirmation Candidates:

I am quite saddened that we will not be able to have classes as normal this year due to Covid 19. But God's love is without end, and He still calls you forward to be Confirmed, to come closer to His Love and Mercy. Do not be disheartened, but instead remember that even in this challenging time, God's love for you is without end! What a wonderful opportunity this is to learn more about your faith, to deepen your relationship with our Lord Jesus Christ. I also encourage you to be more involved in the Sacraments of Mass and Confession as you prepare for Confirmation!

This year, our classes will be in a very different format. Education will take place primarily at home, using the textbook, "The New St. Joseph Baltimore Catechism 2". This beautiful text is a wonderful, full representation of our faith, and I know you will come to love it as much as I do.

I expect that you will take the time to go through the entirety of this text before your Confirmation, and will be meeting with you once a month to check on your progress. I recommend doing 2-3 Chapters each week, maybe on Sundays after Mass around the kitchen table, or at another time that would work well for your families. I also highly encourage this to be a time for parents to work with these young men and women, answering questions as best you can, and sharing your own personal insights and thoughts, perhaps going through several of the discussion questions at the end of each chapter together.

As for the students, I expect to see the "true/false" section or the "choose the best answer" section, and the "fill in the blank" section complete for each chapter. I will also expect that every student has memorized the prayers on page 5, the Sign of the Cross, The Our Father, The Hail Mary, The Glory Be, The Apostles Creed, and The Confiteor in their native language before Confirmation. As I cannot meet with you every week to check your progress, these will be REQUIRED before I affirm your Confirmation.

Lastly, the first weekend of each month, I will be available to answer questions and to check your work after the 10:30 Mass at Saint Bernard's Church, and the 12:15 Mass at Sacred Heart Church. Please try to come to see me each month so I can have a good idea of your progress, and help you with any challenges you might have. Feel free to email me if you have any questions or concerns, and I will be glad to help all I can.

May God bless you and your families as you prepare for your Confirmation,

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