

August 31, 2011

Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidates:

This letter is for every student who is a Freshman Sophomore or Junior and is in formation for the sacrament of Confirmation.

Here are the events for the Freshman Sophomores and Junior candidates.

All FRESHMAN and their PARENT(S) need to attend the Freshman information session which is to be SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 11th at 6:30 PM in the church hall. ALSO, the freshman rite of blessing is to be Sunday OCTOBER 23th at the 11:30 Mass. This will take place after the homily. The Confirmation candidates will come forward to the altar. Confirmation candidates and their parents need to attend the rite of blessing. There will not be any assigned seating.

SOPHOMORES the rite of commitment is to be NOVEMBER 6th at the 11:30 Mass. The same instructions for the Freshman rite of blessing apply.

JUNIORS. Your retreat will be held on SATURDAY MARCH 17th 2012 at Saint Francis University. Please reserve this day NOW on your calendar. Another letter with details will be sent out close to the date of the retreat. You need to notify me NOW if there is a schedule conflict with the retreat date. There are TWO forms included for the Juniors and their parent(s) to fill out NOW and return to Holy Name. (you can put them in the mail at the rectory at any time, or dropped off during the rectory office hours) Follow the instructions on the sheets. **THESE FORMS MUST BE COMPLETED AND TURNED IN BY DECEMBER 19th 2011, OR THE CANDIDATE CANNOT BE CONFIRMED.** Any questions call me.

ALSO, the Junior candidate/sponsor information session will be held Sunday November 20th at 5:30 PM. As you may have figured out, Junior Confirmation candidates need to have a sponsor chosen NOW. The requirements for a sponsor were reviewed at the Freshman information session. But if you have any questions about sponsor qualifications, call me.

CCD for public school students, Sunday Mass attendance, service hours and the above events are all PART of the Confirmation formation process. I WILL ASSUME THAT LACK OF ATTENDANCE at the events indicates that the candidate is NOT GOING TO BE CONFIRMED. Remember parent(s) that if you have older children who have previously been Confirmed, it DOES NOT excuse you from the Freshman information session. Confirmation is new to your Freshman child, even though the information may be review for you. And parent(s) need to attend the Freshman information session to show support for the Freshman candidate.

Parents, thanks in advance for all of your cooperation in Confirmation formation.

Again this year, I plan to make the Confirmation letters and forms available on the Holy Name Church web site. www.holynameebg.org.

Yours in Christ,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Deskevich".

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