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Dear Confirmation Parents & Guardians,

Just as your child grows physically, intellectually, and emotionally, so too, he or she grows spiritually. You have seen that he/she has been initiated into the faith through Baptism and the Eucharist. You foster and direct spiritual growth by the atmosphere in your home, the example of your life, and the celebration of the sacraments.

Now your young teenager is at the stage of strengthening his or her commitment to the faith through the **Sacrament of Confirmation**. The **Sacrament of Confirmation** marks the transition of a person from parental profession of faith to personal profession of faith. This is the time that each candidate says, "I know God and the Church. I commit myself to a lifelong relationship with God and His church through prayer, study, and spiritual growth." Confirmation does not mark the final step of the candidate's spiritual journey but rather the beginning. This sacrament, as with all sacraments, must be a totally free choice made by the candidate.

We welcome you, your Confirmation candidate, and your entire family to the Confirmation preparation process! This is an exciting time for your Confirmation candidate who is now embarking on the journey to own their faith and take the responsibilities for their own faith life.

With that being said we are here to help with that process as much as possible! We want to make sure that we are providing all the necessary tools, experiences, and communication to make this as meaningful of a process as possible. Please never hesitate to contact myself either by phone call or email to help in any way I can.

The Candidate will be expected to write a letter to the pastor and DRE outlining their desire to receive this sacrament. While each candidate will have a Confirmation sponsor who will guide them through the journey of preparation to receive the sacrament, all faith formation should begin at home and as parents it is critical that you support your child in each step of their journey.

As parents, we ask that you:

1. Bring your son/daughter to weekly mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation
2. Help your child with the selection of a sponsor who is in good standing and actively engaged in the church and their faith (sponsors should not be one of the child's parents)

3. Make sure your son/daughter does not have activities that conflict with various Confirmation activities and mandatory retreats.
4. Have weekly discussions about what they are learning during the Confirmation preparation process.

Please make note of all of the information below. We hope that this early information on the Confirmation program will enable you to devote some time to preparing, discussing, and praying about it. Additional information and specific dates will be provided after Fr. Baiju returns from India.

If you have any questions regarding the information here or any other aspect of the program, please contact us. We are here to assist you in any possible way. Know that you and your child will be in the prayers of the entire parish community during this time of preparation for the **Sacrament of Confirmation**.

Many Blessings,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine Newman". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Christine" being more prominent than the last name "Newman".

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***For your planning purposes I have included a minimal idea of the calendar & requirements. Once Fr. Baiju returns from India we will finalize this calendar.***

## **OUTLINE OF CONFIRMATION CALENDAR**

**September, 2016: PARENT & STUDENT CONFIRMATION MEETING**

Confirmation Folders & Registration Forms will be handed out

**October, 2016: FORMS DUE**

1. Registration Form & \$25 Fee
2. Copy of Baptismal Certificate
3. Letter to Fr. Baiju /Mrs. Newman ("*Why I Want To Be Confirmed*")
4. Confirmation Sponsor Form
5. Reflection Paper on Confirmation Name

**October, 2016: CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT CEREMONY**

During Mass (For Parents, Families & Students)

**October 7<sup>th</sup> - October 9, 2016**

Fri/Sat/Sun

**YOUTH 2000 RETREAT (MANDATORY)**

(At Notre Dame Academy)

Friday evening (6:30 PM - 10:30 PM),

All day Saturday (8:00 AM - 10:00 PM)

Sunday morning (8:00 AM - 12:30 PM).

**Date TBD**

**CONFIRMATION "SEEK" RETREAT**

"Seek" (Seek the truth- Educate about the homeless- Evangelize how you can make a difference and Keep our brothers and sisters in our hearts, minds and prayers.

"SEEK" retreats are very similar to the Insights Retreats but under a different name.

They are generally held 8am-2pm. All Confirmation candidates **MUST** attend.

**November, 2016: CANDIDATE/SPONSOR NIGHT**

(Sunday evening) 7:00pm-9:00pm

**November 28, 2016: SERVICE HOURS & SPIRITUAL ACTIVITY FORMS DUE\***

\*Please note each candidate should have **8 hrs. of service to Family and 8 hrs. of service to St. Pius Parish X Parish and 8 hrs. of service to the community**).

(Two Spiritual Activities include such things as Adoration, Saturday Mass, leading Family Rosary, etc..)

**Evening before Confirmation CONFIRMATION PRACTICE**

7:00pm in Church

**TBD\*\***

**CONFIRMATION \*\***

**\*\* (*The Diocese of Covington and the Bishop's Office establish all Confirmation dates. We have not received any information on a Confirmation date . Once we are informed we will forward that information to parents and students.*)**