

St. Columba/St. Mary of the Assumption Parishes CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2013

For a long period of church history, confirmation was looked upon by many as a person's completion of faith formation. Nothing could be further from the truth. In the Diocese of Rochester and here at St. Mary of the Assumption, confirmation is much more about beginning to take responsibility for one's own faith formation – putting faith into action in one's own family, parish and community.

Catholic children need to be participating in a Faith Formation program, either in a Catholic school or Catholic parish between grades K-8, attending Mass regularly and serving as physically and mentally capable in parish life to participate in preparation for the sacraments. Children receiving sacraments do so as they are ready. Age is no longer a major criterion.

CONFIRMATION minimum indicators of readiness:

- Have received Baptism, First Eucharist and Reconciliation
- Participate in the faith community (regular Mass attendance, parish service, faith formation)
- Have a willingness to continue to participate fully in the community
- Have an age-appropriate knowledge of the Catholic faith
- Have a personal desire to confirm their Baptisms as Catholic Christians

2012 Confirmation Preparation dates are as follows:

- Interview w/Lisa – Feb 18 - Mar 1 (call Lisa to schedule your appointment ASAP)
- Parents and Sponsors Info Meeting – Tues, April 2, 6:30 PM
- Session #1* – Tues, April 23, 6:30 PM (with sponsor*)
- Session #2* – Tues, April 30, 6:30 PM (with sponsor*)
- Time of Reflection – Sat, May 4, 11 AM – 4 PM (with sponsor*)
- Prep for Rite/Rite of Sending at Mass – Sun, 5/5, 9:15 AM – 12 PM (with sponsor*)
- Confirmation: Wed, June 3, 7 PM, Sacred Heart Cathedral (with sponsor*)

If your child is interested in preparing for Confirmation in 2013, please complete this form and submit with ***your child's baptismal certificate*** to Lisa Marcelletti no later than the time of the readiness interview

Child's Name _____ Phone # _____

Parent's Name _____ Address _____

Parent's email _____

Sponsor** _____ Address _____

Phone # _____ Email Address _____

My check for \$40 per child is enclosed

I will provide a check for \$40 at my child's interview.

* ***These dates require all candidates' full presence and participation*** – please don't ask for exceptions to be made. If unable to attend any of the above sessions, consider receiving the Sacrament next year.

** By canon law, a sponsor cannot be a confirmation candidate's parent.