

The Gift of the Sacrament of Confirmation

Greetings to All preparing to receive Confirmation at St. Dennis in 2012:

Our journey is about to begin. This year candidates are required to:

First, attend all Confirmation gatherings. We will gather on Sunday morning's beginning at 8:45 am and end with the celebration of the 11 am Sunday Mass. The dates are October 23rd, **October 30th**, November 6th, and December 4th in 2011; and January 22nd, January 29th, February 5th, **March 18th**, April 1st, and ***April 29th*** of 2012. Gatherings will be in Fracaro Hall (*directly below the Church*) unless otherwise stated.

See Below!

October 30th will be a Retreat for Candidates and Parents; **March 18th** will be a Retreat for Candidates and Sponsors. *These gatherings will **be** held in the Parish Center.*

Second, attend Mass each weekend. Since Jesus ask one thing of us – that we gather to celebrate the Eucharist together – let's do it. The Celebration of the Mass is the public articulation of a candidate's desire to **be active** and **to live** as a **full member of our Church**.

Third, candidate promises to pray each day. The sponsors and parents are encouraged to make the same promise to daily prayer.

Fourth, each candidate will document 24 hours of service to others. There is a Joy in helping others, in giving of your time, talents, yourself to help those around us. Generations of Faith (**GOF**) is our primary parish Faith Formation program. Families are urged to be a part of GOF. Candidates are to give at least 4 hours (*of the 24*) in service to GOF events.

Fifth, each candidate needs to write a letter to Father Jim. This letter should explain why they wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation; the Saint's name chosen for Confirmation and why; and, the service hours they have done for others – what they learned.

More details on service hours and topics to be discussed will follow.

Please know that we will be praying for you and your families.

Father Jim, Deacon Rob, Confirmation Staff.

***Note Revisions to Gatherings!**

*** Revisions: April 29th gathering is CANCELLED;**
Retreat for Candidates Only from 2pm to 7pm on Sunday May 6th in Fracaro Hall.
There will be a meal for the Candidates during the Retreat.
The Retreat is followed by Rehearsal for Candidates & Sponsors @ 7pm in the Church.
Confirmation will be Tuesday May 8th @ 7pm in the Church.