

September 5, 2018

To Confirmation Candidates & Their Parents:

Confirmation has been scheduled for **May 23, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church in Hendersonville, Tennessee**. It is important that the families, students, catechists, and community work together for Confirmation preparation.

**Copy of Baptismal Certificate** : If your child was Baptized at Our Lady of the Lake, please complete the information necessary on the Information Form. If your child was Baptized at another Parish, please turn in a copy of your child's Baptismal Certificate as soon as possible to the Religious Education office.

**Selection of Sponsor** : The laws of the Church, requires that a sponsor be at least 16 years of age, Confirmed Catholic, preferably not the Candidates own parent, have received the Sacrament of Confirmation, and be participating in the Sacraments. (The Code of Canon Law). The sponsor should be a model of living the Catholic faith for you. The sponsor could be one of your godparents.

**Selection of Patron Saint** : A report will be required of the Confirmand on his/her chosen Patron Saint. The report will require research outside of the class, but will be reviewed in class. The saint must be researchable, and the final copy turned in by **February 20, 2019** to the Religious Education office. A female must choose a female Saints name, and a male must choose a male saints name. The saint's name will become the Confirmands "Saint" name and will be referred to the Bishop during Confirmation. Names of saints are chosen to serve as patrons, models, and especially as intercessors for those being confirmed. Candidates should choose a patron saint's name not because of the attractiveness of the name, but because of the Christian life that was led by that saint.

**A letter to the Bishop**: This letter should include why you chose the saint you chose for Confirmation, and why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. What does Confirmation mean to you? (The Bishop letter will require preparation outside of class, but will be reviewed in class). The Bishop letter is due on **March 20, 2019**.

**Parent/Sponsor Interviews**: Students will be interviewing their Sponsor and Parent on their Confirmation experience and related Confirmation questions. The Sponsor/Parent interviews are due on **February 20, 2019**.

**Service Hours:** (The service projects need to be for the Confirmation year beginning on September 5, 2018, and completed by **March 20, 2019**. (Confirmation is a sacrament that strengthens our ability to serve). Service should reflect the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The minimum required service hours are **20 hours**. We want to serve as a community through living the Corporal and Spiritual works of mercy. The purpose of Confirmation service hours are that we do something good for the Church and/or the community. **\*A student may only receive 5 hours per event.**

**Retreat :** A mandatory retreat will be held for all students preparing to receive Confirmation. The retreat is scheduled for **March 16, 2019, 8:45 am-2:00 pm** at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church.

**Confirmation Rehearsal :** Confirmation rehearsal will be held on **May 22, 2019** at 6:15 pm. It is required that at least one parent, confirmation candidate, and if possible, the candidates sponsor attend the rehearsal.