

Peace and Blessings in Christ!

We pray this letter finds you doing well and enjoying this beautiful Oregon summer. As another school year quickly approaches the Marion County area Youth Coordinators have been busy preparing and planning for our respective youth ministry programs and we would like to share with you a quick update on our Confirmation programs.

The sacrament of Confirmation and the formation leading up to it offer a great opportunity for our youth to grow in their faith life. As youth coordinators we constantly strive to provide programs and experiences that will challenge our youth in their faith journey and help to foster a strong sense of community within their parish and among their peers. After much prayer, discussion, and reading through the Archdiocesan Policy on Confirmation Formation, the parishes in the Marion County Vicariate will be upholding the Archdiocesan recommended requirement of two-years of active involvement in your respective parish before receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation.

This sacrament is not only a personal affirmation of our baptism, but also a means of establishing our role in our parish community. And by giving our youth an opportunity to get more involved with their parish through our faith formation programs we aim to build a sense of community and nurture the importance of life-long formation. Our prayer and hope is that you will work with us in helping our youth grow in their rich Catholic faith..

Our first class will begin on **September the 25th at 11:30am** in the Faith Formation Center. The first class will focus on registration forms and the schedule of class for the coming year. Bring your forms filled out and Baptismal Certificates. Please have all forms completed by October 23rd. All fees must be paid before the sacrament is received.

Registration fees for the First Year program is \$40.00. The Second Year is \$50 and is not due until the teen is enrolled in the program.

If you have questions regarding faith formation opportunities and sacramental preparation, please feel free to contact the Youth Coordinator for assistance.

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