

September 14, 2018

Dear Friends:

Your children will receive the last of the Sacraments of Initiation this year--Confirmation. This Sacrament completes Baptism in that the Gifts of the Holy Spirit are sealed by the Bishop in each of the Candidates. Before he ascended into Heaven, Jesus asked the Apostles to wait in Jerusalem because he was going to send them a helper, an advocate. He was not going to leave them as orphans. Jesus kept his promise on that great day of Pentecost--the day the Church was born—when the Holy Spirit came upon the Apostles and instilled in them his Gifts:

1. Wisdom
2. Understanding
3. Right Judgment
4. Knowledge
5. Courage
6. Reverence
7. Wonder and Awe

In other words, God gave to the Apostles, and to all the baptized, the tools we need to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ by our words and our actions. And this year, these same gifts will be sealed in your children.

In this folder are the requirements for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation for this school year. Please review it carefully. We will be sending you the schedule of parent/ candidate and group meetings shortly. Of immediate concern is the Retreat scheduled on Thursday October 4th. A notice of this was sent to you a few days ago.

Lastly, we do not yet have a date from the Bishop for Confirmation. We will publicize it as soon as we have it.

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God Bless!

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