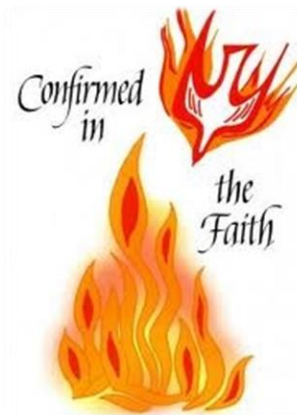


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To Parents of Students in Grades 6 through High School,

We look forward to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation with your teen and your family!

We want to make you aware of the new procedures for sacramental preparation as it relates to Confirmation, and at what point your child is eligible to enter the sacramental preparation program. These instructions have come to us from the Diocesan Secretariat "Office of Catechetical Formation & Education."

PLEASE DO NOT DISCARD! Some recent changes in the diocesan instructions for Confirmation preparation will be relevant to your family. Please continue to read...

The new instructions call for a two-year preparation process and certain pre-requisites that must be met for students to enter the Confirmation preparation process. The enclosed sheet on the new instructions will be helpful in determining where your family fits in to this process.

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All children from 6th through the 12th grades should be registered and participating in the parish Faith Formation classes, or attending a Catholic day school.

If your child is currently in the 6th grade, please note the pre-req of active participation in the parish Faith Formation program in order to qualify for the sacramental preparation program at the appropriate age. Be sure your child is registered for Faith Formation.

If your child is currently in the 7th grade, and has been regularly participating in the parish Faith Formation program, then he/she will have the opportunity to test in to the Advanced Placement option for Confirmation preparation (upon passing the test). OR you may opt to continue in the 8th grade Faith Formation program next year and automatically enter the Confirmation program at the end of the 8th grade year.

If your child is currently in the 7th grade, and has NOT been regularly participating in the parish Faith Formation program, please note the pre-req of Faith Formation being required before entry into the Confirmation preparation process. If you have been teaching your child at home, he/she will have the option of taking the AP test, and entering into the Confirmation process (upon passing the test). Otherwise, please be sure your child is registered in the 8th grade Faith Formation program, and he/she can enter the Confirmation preparation process upon successful completion of the 8th grade Faith Formation year.

If your child is currently in the 8th grade, and has been regularly participating in the parish Faith Formation program, he/she is automatically eligible to enter the Confirmation preparation process (no testing). Just complete the registration forms and return them to us.

If your child is currently in the 8th grade, and has NOT been regularly participating in the parish Faith Formation program he/she will have the opportunity to take a test showing their

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knowledge of the Catholic faith (which upon passing, will be able to enter the Confirmation preparation process.) OR register and participate in the High School Faith Formation program in the parish this next year, and enter the Confirmation preparation process upon its completion. OR do the “Bridge” program over the summer to build the foundation necessary to enter the Confirmation preparation process in the fall.

If your child is in the 9th grade or higher and has not been Confirmed we would like to help your child complete the Sacraments of Initiation in order to become a full member of the Church, and to be strengthened with the Gifts of the Holy Spirit that will empower him/her to boldly live the faith that has been entrusted to him/her. Please consider the summer “Bridge” program so that we can get started in the fall with the Confirmation preparation process, OR enroll in the High School Faith Formation program this year, and consider beginning the Confirmation process the following year.

We aim to be faithful to the directives of the bishop and supportive of the faith development of your children. Feel free to contact us if we can be of assistance:

To request registration packets for Faith Formation at any grade level, OR a sacramental registration packet, please contact the Faith Formation office at 330-425-8141 X 615. They should be returned to the Parish Center office as soon as possible by dropping off or mailing to:

Ss. Cosmas & Damian,
Attention: Faith Formation
10419 Ravenna Road
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If you need help figuring out where your child/family fits in to this process, or you’d like to meet to discuss your particular circumstances, please contact Mrs. Joni Smith, Pastoral Minister and Parish Catechetical Leader at 330-425-8141 X 348 or email: joni@sscosmas-damian.org.

If you prefer, you may contact our Pastor, Fr. Michael Stalla at 330-425-8141 X 420 or frmichael@sscosmas-damian.org

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