



## **Saint Catherine of Siena Religious Education**

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### **CONFIRMATION I GRADE 9**

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Dear Parents,

I hope this letter finds you enjoying the many blessings that God offers us during this beautiful spring season. Before so many of us are off to our summer vacations and activities, I would like to inform you of some important dates and events for the **Confirmation I Candidates** that are coming in September and October, as well as an opportunity to attend Confirmation class on Sunday mornings.

First, we have scheduled the **Enrollment Mass for Confirmation Candidates and their families at the 5:00PM Vigil on Saturday, September 10<sup>th</sup>**. This Liturgy will recognize each Candidate as they continue their faith journey toward full initiation into the Catholic Church. Each Candidate will be called by name to sign the Enrollment Book, highlighting their commitment to this journey. **Please encourage your teen to dress appropriately for this Mass. A Parent Meeting will immediately follow in the back of the church.** Information and details concerning the Confirmation schedule for the year, specific requirements, and the retreat will be provided, along with the opportunity to meet the Catechists who will be helping prepare your teen to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Second, on Sunday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>, all Confirmation Classes will meet at 7:00PM at the church for our guest, Medal of Honor Recipient, Captain Florent Groban, US Army. This will be an outstanding event for our parish teens.

Third, the Confirmation Retreat will take place on Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup> from 10AM - 6PM at Holy Family Passionist Retreat Center in West Hartford. Permission forms and more details will be distributed to you at the Parent Meeting. **This retreat is required for Confirmation, so please mark your calendars now.** I appreciate your efforts to see that your son or daughter is available on this day. This is a meaningful step in your teen's faith journey - one that is formed in the context of their community of candidacy.

Confirmation Classes are held on Sunday evenings at Church from 6PM -7:15 PM and Sunday mornings at Henry James, from 9:15AM - 10:30AM, beginning on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Please complete the Re-registration Form and return with payment by June 27<sup>th</sup> to avoid a \$50.00 late fee. The morning class will close after 18 students have enrolled. Please keep in mind that Confirmation Classes only meet once or twice per month, so please keep the calendar handy because **only 2 absences are allowed**. Also, indicate on your re-registration form which class, (am or pm) you would prefer. If the morning class has already been filled, I will contact you as soon as possible.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Kathi Bonner, DRE

Cc: Father Michael Whyte, Pastor