

**Blessed Sacrament
Faith Formation Program
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Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidates,

In Baptism, we became followers of Jesus Christ and members of His Church. Confirmation is the Sacrament in which we will affirm and receive in a deeper way, the life of the Holy Spirit that we received first in Baptism. Every Rite has a meaning. Please approach them thoughtfully and prayerfully. When you are confirmed you will be fully initiated members of the Catholic Church and will be called to be witnesses to the Gospel message.

On **Sunday, November 19, 2017** we will have the **Rite of Welcoming** at the **9:30 am Mass**. Please plan to arrive at 9:15 am and sit with your families as close to the front of the church as possible. Your children will officially become a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation and their covenants will be presented to our pastor, Monsignor Finn. **Your presence at this Rite is the first process in preparing you for this Sacrament and is mandatory.** Mass cards will be distributed on November 15th, 2017 and November 19, 2017 will be the first date that the Mass cards are collected.

Please note the following important dates that you will be committing yourself to by participating in this first Rite of Covenant:

January 4, 2018 – Mini-Retreat for Confirmandi, Parent and Sponsor from 6pm to 9pm in the gym. (sponsors must be at least 16 years of age and a practicing Catholic). You will receive all materials to prepare for the Sacrament with dates when each project is due at this mini-retreat.

February 11, 2018 – Rite of Election – The Rite is the call to Continuing Conversion, when the commitment is spoken formally and the Confirmation Cross is presented. Parents and Sponsors, if possible, are asked to be present.

I look forward to beginning this special journey with each of the Candidates and know that this year we will be blessed with many opportunities to grow closer to our God. We will all work together for the celebration of the **Sacrament of Confirmation on October 13, 2018.**

Many Prayers and blessing,

**Sr. Anne Dolores C.S.JB.
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