

April 6, 2026



Greetings, 7th Grade Parents!

"I give thanks to my God at every remembrance of you, praying always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus." (Philippians 1: 3-6)

I wish to echo these words from St. Paul. I too am praying for the children of our parish who will be preparing for the sacrament of Confirmation this coming year. How exciting it is to walk with these young people as they call upon the Holy Spirit to guide them on this journey to full initiation. I commend them to this same Spirit asking for strength and perseverance as they discover anew a deeper relationship with our Lord, Jesus Christ.

One component of our Confirmation Final Preparation is the Camp Damascus experience. This is a weekend Confirmation Camp led by the missionaries at Damascus. Many from our previous groups testified to having profound spiritual encounters with Jesus Christ. It truly is a meaningful event.

Confirmation Camp has been scheduled for the weekend of **October 23-25** for this coming year's group. The weekend begins at 6:00 p.m. on the Friday and ends following the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday. Families are invited to attend this Mass. More information regarding the needs for this weekend will be shared at a later date.

Parents are responsible for registering their own children. I will be emailing a link and instructions to you as soon as that information is made available. I would appreciate it if you could register your child as soon as you have the information.

Enclosed with this letter is the *Request for Confirmation* form. Please complete this form by May 18 and send it to the parish office. I would like to be able to connect with you and the youth during the summer. Often times, people call the parish office with opportunities that coincide with the Works of Mercy, which the candidates will need to complete as part of the Confirmation Final Preparation. I would like to pass these along as soon as I can.

This year's parent meeting will be held on **Monday, September 14, at 6:00 p.m.** in the Marian Room. This meeting is required for those who have first time Confirmation candidates or are new to our parish. More information about Confirmation preparation will be given at this meeting. I will send information out to those who have attended a Confirmation parent meeting in the past. Please note that further communication will come through email, so it is important to have your *Request for Confirmation* in on time. Please make sure the email addresses are legible. Thank you for your cooperation.

In Christ,

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