

## Parents of Level 8 Confirmation Candidates:

Last week we had a Parent Meeting to keep you abreast of the important information needed to move forward towards your child's Confirmation. Some of the information covered included a form with the important dates of which you should be aware.

The Confirmation Retreat was a great success. Thank you for coming to Mass and supporting your child in their journey of faith. I hope you discussed the experience with your child. It is well worth the effort.

At the Confirmation Retreat, the Rel Ed office took the children's height measurements for their Confirmation Robes and some of the students signed up for their interviews. Anyone who wasn't here for the Retreat will be measured on February 6<sup>th</sup>. The schedule for interviews is for Tuesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 – 6:00. The interviews take roughly 10 minutes. The office will let you know if the timing demands a longer wait period. There is still a considerable amount of students who have not signed up. We will have the sign-up sheet available before the video on Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Please discuss the time you would like the appt to be. We still have openings for 3:00 – 5:30.

The next important date, as I've been alluding to, is Monday, February 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm, when we will be presenting a very special video that parents were able to preview at the Parent meeting. All Level 8 students are expected to attend. I forgot to mention at the meeting that there will be a divider placed between the sections for the boys on one side and the girls on the other. We feel it alleviates any awkwardness they might have. There is also no discussion about the video. We feel that that discussion should be between the children and their parents.

Also, the time is coming for the due date for submitting the Community Service form, March 1<sup>st</sup>. If your child still needs some hours, in addition to the hours we have Religious Education classes (Mon, Tues, and Thurs @ 4:00pm & 5:15) your child could also assist at the Jump Rope for Heart event on February 4<sup>th</sup>. Your child could also assist the Rosary Society after the Journey, Cross and Crucifixion, Wednesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 – 9:00, by helping to serve refreshments and clean up afterwards. You should have also received the request for Confirmation fees in the mail.

And don't forget to finish up the Mass Reflections. Please encourage your child to complete all the Mass Reflections now. You can use any Saturday evening or Sunday morning Mass to complete any outstanding reflections, including the Holy Day of Obligation Reflection.

The Confirmation Penance Service will be held on Monday, March 20<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. All Level 8 students are expected to attend. No workbooks are needed for this service.

You should have received a calendar of important dates. Check out the dates and times for the Confirmation Rehearsal and sponsor & ticket info. Sponsors are expected at the Rehearsal. Sponsors should be encouraged to dress appropriately for meeting the Bishop. Each family gets 4 tickets. If you don't need four, please feel free to give them back to me so I can make them

available to those who would like more. I am attaching the Calendar of Important Dates with this email. It has all these important events on it.

Make sure you have handed in all sponsor info and the name chosen for Confirmation, all overdue if you haven't handed it in yet. Remember, if your sponsor is not a current registered parishioner of Our Lady of Hope Church, your sponsor needs to get a sponsor certificate from the parish they are now registered at and attending. We have received a great many reflections, Confirmation names and sponsor forms, but we need more before we can begin to fill out the Certificates in a timely manner.

Also, if you have a family member who is trained as an Extraordinary Minister or Altar Server and would like to participate in the Mass, please let me know asap, we would love to have them.

If you have not received any of these materials or need more information, please come to the office. We would be happy to discuss this with you. More importantly, discuss all this information with your child.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at this email address or call 526-334-4781. After hours, leave a message and we'll get back to you when we return to the office.

Sincerely,

~Anne Lonegan  
Coordinator of Rel Ed