



Confirmation Program 2012

Calendar of Events

- ❖ An overnight retreat at Mariannahill (Ann Arbor Trail & Telegraph) is scheduled for Friday, April 20, 2012 – Saturday, April 21, 2012. The website address of the retreat center is: <http://www.rc.net/detroit/mariannahill/>. Arrive at 5:15 p.m. on Friday, April 20th, leave at 1:30 p.m. on Saturday, April 21st.
- ❖ Saturday, May 5, 2012 – 3:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. – Bixman Hall (church building)
 - Topic: Mapping our Journey Together
 - Participate in the 5:00 p.m. Mass
- ❖ Sunday, September 16, 2012 – 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
 - Participate in the 9:30 a.m. Mass (main church)
 - Enjoy the parish pancake breakfast after Mass (Activity Center Hall)
 - Topic: Generally speaking, what are Sacraments? What is the Sacrament of Confirmation? What are the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit?
- ❖ **Sponsors need to participate in both the May 5th and September 16th sessions.**
- ❖ September 2012: Candidate interview with our director, David J. Conrad or our pastor, Fr. Kevin Thomas.
- ❖ In October of 2012, the Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated. An exact date and time cannot be determined until sometime in July 2012, at which time such information will be communicated to you. We will make every effort to be sure the Sacrament is celebrated on a Saturday in the late morning or early afternoon.

Choosing a Sponsor

There are two areas that must be taken into consideration when choosing a sponsor: **responsibility** and **qualifications**.

Responsibility: The sponsor needs to be present during the time of preparation (in our program, the May 5 and September 16, 2012 sessions) and certainly at the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. The sponsors present the candidates to the bishop for anointing and later help them to fulfill their baptismal promises faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received (Code of Canon Law, # 892).

Qualifications: To be a sponsor, a person must be chosen by the candidate; be sixteen years of age or older, a confirmed Catholic who has received the Eucharist and lives as a faithful Catholic (Code of Canon Law, # 874).

The Church desires that, if possible, one of the baptismal godparents be the sponsor for Confirmation. This emphasizes the close link between the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation (Code of Canon Law #893).

Note: You should submit the full name of the sponsor to your catechist or Mrs. Lahtinen in the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible, 734-425-9333. Remember, your sponsor needs to be present during the time of preparation (in our program, the May 5 and September 16, 2012 sessions).