Saint Margaret Mary Parish

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Dear Confirmation Class of 2024 and Families:

We are looking forward to getting the new 2023-2024 Confirmation Formation sessions started in September on Sunday September 17th or Wednesday September 20th.

We will need paperwork from everyone, starting with registration (online- if possible after April 1st - you can find it on the St. Margaret Mary Youth Ministry website https://smmym.org/confirmation/ or there is a hard copy with this letter) and a copy of the baptism certificate if your youth was NOT baptized at St. Margaret Mary. Please register no later than September 1st. The days and times to select from are below. (Please circle or check on registration form):

Sunday Session (9:00AM-10:30AM)

or

Wednesday Session (7:30PM-9:00PM)

You may move between days if needed but an email or call will be needed in order to assign a new small group leader and to give small group leaders time to prepare.

Formation sessions will be from September until the Confirmation in spring (date TBD), see schedule. Other opportunities for service and activities will be scheduled at a later date. There will be some basic preparation needed before each of the sessions.

A sponsor is required for Confirmation. The sponsor needs to be fully initiated in the Catholic Church (baptized, first communion and has had confirmation), at least 16 years old and in good standing. See the "Choosing a Sponsor" sheet in this packet/mailer to help pick the right person. **Parents can NOT be a sponsor.** Sponsors/Proxy will NOT need to be at every session. They will be expected to be at 3 out of the 10, dates and times on schedule. Sessions will ONLY be 1 hour and 30 minutes.

In this packet you should find a registration form (blue) (registration online is preferred starting May 1st), Choosing a Sponsor sheet (pink) and a 2023-2024 **TENTATIVE** Schedule for classes (pink).

We look forward to the year ahead and are excited to see how everyone grows in faith and knowledge. Again, please call with any questions. Enjoy your summer and your families.

Yours in Christ,

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