



St. Sebastian Parish

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Dear Candidates for Confirmation (and Parents),

You are about to begin the final step in your initiation into the Catholic Church! This is not an end to your growth and responsibility in the faith but a beginning of the next phase of your faith life as a fully initiated member of the Catholic Church. You are not the future of the Catholic Church; you *are* the Catholic Church and as such you are about to receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit that you will need to be God's witness to the world, an honor and a privilege bestowed upon us by Christ our Lord.

It is a duty bestowed upon me by our bishop to make sure that you are ready both spiritually and in proper knowledge of the faith to receive this sacrament.

Fr. Leonard, Deacon Terry, Mrs. Sivec, your teachers, and all involved in your formation including myself will do our best to help you achieve this lofty and holy goal.

To assist us in helping you reach this goal the following program has been put into place in order to provide you with the tools you need to grow in Christ and experience more deeply the role of a Catholic Christian.

- ✓ Mass attendance
- ✓ Use of the Sacrament of Reconciliation
- ✓ Daily Prayer
- ✓ Service Hours
- ✓ Gatherings with your fellow candidates and your sponsors
- ✓ A retreat
- ✓ A letter written to the bishop
- ✓ The choosing of the name with which you wish to be confirmed
- ✓ The choosing of a sponsor for confirmation

In the following pages you find further explanations of these expectations. If you have any questions about them please do not hesitate to ask your teachers or Father Leonard, Deacon Terry, Mrs. Sivec or myself. We look forward to accompanying you to the beginning of this next phase of your journey of faith.

God bless,

Fr. Valencheck