



August 2016

Dear Parents and Confirmation Candidates,
Welcome to Winona Catholic Community Confirmation Preparation for 2016-2017!

On Wednesday, September 21, we will begin the Confirmation Preparation with Gathered Session One at St. Mary's Parish (in the church) from 6:30-8:00pm for all candidates from Cathedral of the Sacred Heart, St. Casimir's, and St. Mary's in grades 10-12 who are planning to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in the spring of 2017. **Parents and sponsors should plan to attend as well.** The gathering will be facilitated by the pastors and the Confirmation team.

Confirmation Sponsor

The candidates will need to choose a sponsor to journey with them during their preparation. The sponsor should be someone who can relate to the candidate, be mature in practicing his or her Catholic faith, be fully initiated and participates in the Eucharist weekly. Sponsors will be asked to participate with the preparation process on the following dates:

September 21 - Gathered Session One
October 16 - Rite of Enrollment
December 14 – Gathered Session with Sponsors
April 29 – Service Day
May 17 – Confirmation Rehearsal
May 21 – Confirmation Liturgy

Confirmation Preparation Sessions

See the back of this letter for the calendar including all of the dates for gathered sessions and other expectations.

Confirmation Preparation Program

Called to Mercy is a new Confirmation preparation program from St. Mary's Press that will be used this school year. It combines online learning modules with gathered sessions, a retreat and service day. **The online fee of \$24.95 will be paid directly to St. Mary's Press** when the candidates enroll online. You will learn more about that process on September 21. Go to www.calledtomersey.com for more information.

Confirmation Registration Form

Please fill out the **Confirmation Registration Form** and bring it on September 21. The Confirmation **registration fee is \$25** and checks can be made payable to St. Mary's Parish. **Remember to provide a copy of your baptismal certificate if you were not baptized at your current parish.** We **must** have a copy of your baptismal certificate before you are confirmed.

If you have any questions or concerns, please call one of the parish leaders listed below. If you are unable to attend this meeting, please contact Julie Walch.

Together in ministry,

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