

## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROCESS

Confirmation is a celebration of the conscious awareness of the Holy Spirit in your life and choosing to make a commitment to work with that Spirit as a Roman Catholic. Confirmation is one of the Sacraments of Initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist, all of which complete your membership in the Church. To be confirmed is a **choice** you and your parents should discuss and make together over the course of the next year before the actual celebration of Confirmation sometime in September 2012. The Confirmation Preparation Process will assist you in making a good decision about whether to be confirmed or not at this point in your life. A complete schedule with dates is on the reverse side of this letter. A **MANDATORY CANDIDATE & PARENT MEETING/MINI RETREAT** will be held on Sunday, September 18, 1:00 – 5:00 pm in the church. This meeting will include a presentation about the Sacrament of Confirmation, an overview of the Confirmation Preparation Process (including details of the following components: group sessions, Mass attendance, Youth Group, Confirmation Candidate/Sponsor Retreat, Stewardship, Interview with a parish staff member in late summer and Confirmation Practice), centers for review and conversation between parent and candidate and time for questions.

**If you are a high school student**, and agree to **fully participate** in the Confirmation Preparation Process, please complete the following forms:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Religious Education Registration Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Candidate Questionnaire/Commitment Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Name Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Sponsor Form
- \_\_\_\_\_ Emergency Health Form

Return all forms, and a

- \_\_\_\_\_ **copy** of your Baptismal Certificate (only if you were **not** baptized at Holy Family, Stow),
- \_\_\_\_\_ recent color photo (face shot, please),
- \_\_\_\_\_ check for \$70.00 made payable to Holy Family Church (*Please note that no one is ever denied preparation for or celebration of a Sacrament for financial difficulty. If the fee is difficult, please call.*)

to the Holy Family Parish Office **before August 15, 2011**,

If you have any questions about the Confirmation Preparation Process, you are welcome to call me at 330.688.6412, ext. 271 or email me at [byrne@holyfamilystow.org](mailto:byrne@holyfamilystow.org). Please be assured of my prayers as you think about being confirmed.

Sincerely,

Barbie Byrne  
Confirmation Coordinator/Youth Minister