THE ST FRANCIS CENTER

Religious Education Office
15010 Wolf Road † Orland Park, Illinois 60467

August 2017

Dear Eighth Grade Parents:

It has always been amazing to me how quickly the years pass. It seemed like only yesterday when these wonderful young men and women preparing for Confirmation were presented for Baptism!

Of course, with any type of initiation there are requirements - papers to complete and dates to be reserved. Enclosed in this packet are the essential requirements: an application for Confirmation, information on choosing a sponsor, and guidelines for writing a letter to the Pastor.

Complete and return to the religious education (RE) office the **Letter to Father Sowa by December 1, 2017**. There will be a drop-off basket at the St. Francis Center(SFC). The SFC outer door is open 24/7 for just this purpose.

We appreciate your attention to the details of administering the Sacrament of Confirmation, and your assistance in completing the requirements. Confirmation dates, practice times, retreat dates, and other questions you may have will be distributed and answered at the 8th Grade Parent and Teen Confirmation meeting on:

TUESDAY, September 19, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Church

CONFIRMATION APPLICATIONS are due on September 19, 2017 at the Parent & Teen Meeting. This is the ***ONLY*** parent/teen meeting scheduled. Parents and Eighth Graders are required to attend. If you do not attend, an individual meeting must be scheduled with the Religious Education Director.

There will also be representatives from local Catholic High Schools and our Youth Ministry available for questions and information. Please call the RE office at (708) 460-0155 with inquiries.

Sincerely,

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ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI CONFIRMATION 2018

Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated at St. Francis of Assisi on Saturday, February 10, 2018 @ 10:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

Mandatory Practice for all Confirmation Candidates with parent or sponsor will be held on Thursday, February 8, 2018 @ 6:30 p.m. or 7:30 p.m.

Confirmation dates and practice times as well as retreat dates will be distributed at the 8th Grade Parent & Teen Confirmation meeting on TUESDAY September 19, 2017 @ 7:00pm at CHURCH

CONFIRMATION APPLICATION DUE ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2017 @ PARENT & TEEN MEETING

CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS:

- **ATTEND MASS WEEKLY**

- **ATTEND CONFIRMATION ENROLLMENT MASS**
  September 23, 2017@ 5:15pm or
  September 24, 2017 @ 10:30am Mass.
  Coffee And… follows each Mass, so bring a treat to share!

- **DAILY PRAYER & MEDITATION** (Psalm book).

- **CHOOSE A SPONSOR** – guidelines and suggestions are included in this 8th Grade packet.

- **CATHOLIC ACTION PROJECT** – Projects focus on Christian leadership skills, social justice and our Christian responsibility to reach out to others through service. These projects are not about hours but about working together as the apostles did with Jesus. Each parish religious education (RE) faith group will be assigned a project to complete together before the Confirmation date. More information will be distributed at the Parent & Teen Meeting.

- **CARDINAL JOSEPH BERNARDIN (CJB)** students will complete Catholic Action/Service projects in conjunction with their 8th grade class at CJB. The CJB 8th Graders are expected to participate in the **group service projects** at St. Francis of Assisi. More information will be available at the Parent & Teen meeting.

- **GROUP SERVICE PROJECTS –**
  Details, dates & times will be presented at the PARENT/TEEN CONFIRMATION MEETING

- **HOLY FIRE/LIGHT the NIGHT - all 8th graders will attend either the Holy Fire or the Light Night event sponsored by the Archdiocese. Further details to follow**

See enclosed **"8th Grade Projects & Retreats"** enclosed. Details will be addressed at the **PARENT & TEEN Meeting Sept 19th**