



ST. SIMON & ST. JUDE PARISH

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Warm Greetings, Dear Parents of Parish Youth in Grade 7!

A new year is upon us and this cycle of seasons and celebrations reminds us of our own beginnings, growths and rebirths. One “new beginning” for your child, is **Confirmation** – a Sacrament of “Initiation”.

~Our Confirmations will take place November, 17th 2019 at St. Simon and St. Jude Parish~

When our families brought us to the parish community for Baptism and First Communion, they spoke for us. Our initiation began and we grew in the Christian Life. Grade 8's are invited to *take ownership* of these promises of Faith made for them at Baptism. In Confirmation, Jesus seals their relationship with God through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and empowers them to witness to their Faith in life. They become *fully initiated* into the faith, where the Eucharist continually strengthens us all for life.

Save the Date: Please plan to attend our Parents' Confirmation Registration/Information Meeting, on Wednesday, September 18th, 2018 at 7:00 pm, in our Parish Hall. Program dates and info. will be provided at this meeting.

A “**Confirmation Registration Package**” will be available at the Parish Office and Website. Please bring the completed forms to the above Parents' Registration Meeting, with *a copy of your child's baptismal certificate, if your child was not baptized at St. Simon and St. Jude.* (If you do not have a copy, the parish where your child was baptized could fax or provide you with one.)

Parents are the primary and most important teachers of youth. Your home is the domestic church where seeds of faith are first sown. Guided by their parents, sponsors, parish and teachers, youth prepare for this important moment in their life. We support you and you child's decision to live their Faith, confirmed in the Spirit of God. Ministering with prayer, pastoral visits, church instruction, activities and retreats, service projects, liturgies, your child will be invited to see and live out Jesus' way of love, justice and peace in our world.

Serving families in this important walk of faith is a blessing– a grace-filled journey we look forward to!

Yours truly, in Service to Our Lord Jesus,

“Lord, please give me the same spirit you want the children I teach to have.” – Blessed Marie Rose Durocher

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