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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Continuing with the evolution between St. John Neumann and St. Isaac Jogues Parishes, I have decided in keeping with the Statue (# 226) in the Diocese of Trenton Statues of the Fourth Synod to move the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation to the ninth grade. This statue states: "in the Diocese of Trenton, adolescents, who have completed their fourteenth year....are eligible to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation." Confirmation is not to be seen as a graduation or conclusion of Religious Education but rather the next step in the LIFE LONG journey to become a disciple of Jesus Christ. This journey in faith is supported by an active involvement in the life of the parish.

With this in mind the Parish communities of St. John Neumann and St. Isaac Jogues will move to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation at one ceremony. I am more than convinced that we must strengthen our entire Religious Education Ministry and this is one way to do it.

More information will be forthcoming as we work through the details but I wanted you to be aware of the changes now.

Thank you for all you do to encourage your child/children. Being the first teachers of your children, sending them to Religious Education is only one part of the process. It is your witness of Faith, especially by attending Mass at least once a week that you fulfill your obligation not just to Our God but to your children.

In a Culture like ours, the demands of Parents and Guardians are stretched almost to the breaking point but what we pass on to our children will guide them for the rest of their lives. I will do everything I possibly can Please do the same.

Always in my Prayers,

Fr. Pflieger

