



September 1, 2019

Dear Parish Family,

Several years ago our parish made some important changes to our Confirmation program. The most significant change entailed moving the Sacrament of Confirmation ceremony from Spring of eighth grade year to the Fall of ninth grade year. We made this change after seeing how easily Confirmation got lost in the myriad of 'graduation' events for families. We will continue this change for the coming year with the Confirmation preparation program beginning in January and the ceremony occurring late in the Fall of your child's freshman year of high school (2020).

Please mark your calendar for our first meeting for Confirmation prep which will take place on Saturday, January 25th at 6:30 PM in the Faith Center garage. This will also be the FIRST Confirmation Prep Class date. One parent is required to attend from 6:30-7:00 and the candidates will stay until 8:30 PM (for this night only. All other prep dates will end at 8:00).

The first step in your family's preparation process is to register for the Confirmation program. Online registration can be completed [HERE](#). If you do not intend to have your child confirmed, please contact Jen at youth@spxbowie.org so I can update your records.

The Fall of 2020 is more than a year off so we have not received our Confirmation date yet. We will request that the Bishop celebrate with us at our 5:00 PM Mass.

We know how exciting this step in faith can be for you and your family. One of the best ways to begin preparing for this important sacrament is to worship together as a family each week. This will be a strong indication to us of the seriousness with which you approach Confirmation.

Should you have any questions before our first meeting, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

Rev. Michael Jones, Pastor

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