

January 18, 2010

Dear Parents,

Soon we will begin our preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation.. The Sacrament of Confirmation is an assurance of God's Spirit during these critical years of maturity. Confirmation will be offered to those who are between the ages of 16-18 or older seniors in high school. *If you have other children who you would like Confirmed, please speak to me immediately.*

Our Confirmation classes will begin on Sunday, February 12<sup>st</sup> at 6:15 pm in the Student Center and end at 7:30pm. A schedule has been included with this letter. The Confirmation "course" will end with the Sacrament of Confirmation being administered by Bishop Latino on *Sunday, April 11<sup>th</sup> in Oxford.*

I have included some information that is pertinent to the Sacrament. You will find the guidelines for choosing a sponsor, a form for enrollment and the "syllabus" of study.

To be Confirmed is a decision that should be prayerfully made by your child. If your child has serious aversions to Confirmation, I suggest encouraging him/her to attend the courses to make an informed decision. Please do not "force" your child into being Confirmed. The Spirit will move as it will.

This is also a time for families to discuss the meaning of Faith. If you are not practicing your faith as a family, then it is difficult to ask your child to take this Sacrament seriously. A commitment to Mass and the Sacraments may be in order. I would be happy to help you and your family in this endeavor.

Please fill out the enclosed form with your child and return it to the Church office by January 31<sup>st</sup> . If you have any concerns or questions, please know that I am available to you (234-6073).

Peace,

Fr. Joe Tonos  
Pastor