

ST. CHARLES BORROMEIO CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

I am writing with information regarding the **St. Charles Borromeo Confirmation Preparation Program**. Archbishop Hughes has directed all parishes of the Archdiocese of New Orleans to establish a four-year high school religion program and that Confirmation is to be celebrated in the eleventh grade.

Archbishop Hughes' policy states that teens should participate in a formal catechetical program for at least the two years prior to reception of Confirmation. A formal catechetical program includes a minimum of 30 hours per year of instruction which will occur in the Catholic Schools or in the parish CCD Program, following the Archdiocesan curriculum guidelines, and includes service opportunities. Special preparation for all Confirmation candidates which occurs only in the parish should also include retreat and prayer experiences and a minimum of six hours of formal instruction on the nature of sacraments in general and Confirmation in particular as well as instruction on the celebration of the rite of Confirmation. The guidelines also require participation in the life of the parish community which includes regular Mass attendance, the reception of the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation and involvement in parish ministries and activities.

All prospective Confirmation Candidates entering ninth grade and their parents are asked to attend a meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm in the SCB Borromeo Room. If you cannot be present for this meeting, please call beforehand at (985)764-6383 to arrange an alternative time for us to meet.

Our program is offered to teens who are St. Charles Borromeo Church Parishioners. If you are a registered parishioner but live outside of our church parish boundaries you must be considered an active member in order for your child to participate in our program. Otherwise you must have your child confirmed in your own territorial parish. The definition of **active** is a family who participates in church functions and contributes at least \$250.00 yearly to the church. The registration fee for this program is \$50.00 if paid by August 24th. Late registration fee (paid after August 24) is \$65.00.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Registration Form, Parent / Legal Guardian Consent Form and Liability Form, a Medical Information and Consent Form and a Public Information / Communication Release Form. Please complete and return along with the registration fee at the Parent Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 along with a copy of your child's insurance card and Baptismal Certificate in this envelope.

We have lined up some very worthwhile activities for this first year of Confirmation Preparation that we feel will be very beneficial to your child's faith development. I am looking forward to working with you and your child in preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sincerely in Christ,

Janeen C. Rodrigue
Director of Youth Ministry
St. Charles Borromeo Parish

Enclosures: Confirmation Preparation Registration Form
Consent & Liability Form
Medical Form
Communication Release Form
CCD Registration Form (for public school students)

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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM
LEVEL I**

Candidate's Name: _____

Please complete and return this entire packet with ALL of the following at the Parent Candidate Meeting on Wednesday, August 24, 2016 in this envelope:

- _____ **Registration Form**
- _____ **Registration Fee**
- _____ **Consent Form**
- _____ **Medical Form**
- _____ **Communication Release Form**
- _____ **Copy of Medical Insurance Card**
- _____ **Copy of Baptismal Certificate**

NOTE: Please pay special attention to properly completing all the forms especially the Medical Information Form. The students last tetanus/diphtheria immunization **MUST** be on form.