

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

The Candidates have been in a program of preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation for six months. It is now time for them to state publicly their intention to later request the Sacrament. This will be done on **Sunday, Feb. 26th** when we celebrate the **Rite of Enrollment Ceremony at the 8:30 am Mass**. This brief ceremony takes place after the homily and includes both Candidates and their Parents. Each candidate and his/her parents and sponsor (if the sponsor can attend) will be called forward and asked to commit themselves to prayer and study as they continue this time of sacramental preparation. They will additionally receive a special blessing by the parish as a sign of the community's support.

Attendance is mandatory!

You may sit where you wish during mass. After the homily, each candidate's name will be called. The Candidate should come forward, with their parents, to the front of the church. Enclosed in this letter is the script for the ceremony. Please read over this so you will be aware of how to reply to Father Charley's questions.

Remember, we will celebrate the **Sacrament of Confirmation at St. Paul Catholic Church on Thursday, April 27th at 7:00 pm**.

This is a time of great blessing and many graces for us all. I pray for both candidates and parents that you may be open to the many ways God is working in your life.

Sincerely,

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