***St. Aidan Catholic Church***

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Dear Parents of Students in Grade 7 or older,

Confirmation is an extremely important sacrament. Not only does increase the presence and influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, it also strengthens us in our faith, helps defend us against evil influences in our lives and can help us grow in our relationship with God and others. The sacrament of Confirmation helps make it easier for us to work through the difficulties of our day to day lives and helps ensure that we make it to Heaven. Confirmation Classes will be at the church. Classes will begin on Sunday Sept. 24th, from 2 to 3 pm in the Church’s Parish Hall. Classes will be every Sunday from 2 to 3, except for a few days that will be missed due to various holidays. A schedule will be provided. Classes will be conducted by our Lay Pastoral Associate, Luis Dizon. A class for parents will be on Sunday Sept. 17th in the parish hall at 1:00 pm.

Students will need to attend all classes. If they miss a class, they will need to obtain the information they missed from other students, since they will have an exam at the end of their scheduled classes.

The Enrolment Ceremony for students will be at the 5pm Mass on Saturday Oct. 14th and at the 12 noon Mass on Sunday Oct. 15th. The students will receive their Confirmation crosses at these Masses. Crosses will only be given out at these Masses, so it is essential that your child attends.

The Confirmation Mass will be on Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 pm.

In addition to the catechetical teachings that the students will receive, I very strongly encourage parents to review with their children the information they will be learning, to accompany them in their preparations, teaching them the ways of faith by word and example, and being an example of prayerfulness to them. I ask that you register your child for the Confirmation Program at St. Aidan’s Church for the 2023/2024 school year. Once we have your contact information, it will be easier for us to provide you with more information as needed.

Thank you,

Fr. Steven Szakaczki