

ST. THOMAS AQUINAS AND ST. MARTIN OF TOURS  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION/FAITH FORMATION



CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2021-2022

Fall 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian and Confirmation Candidate,

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin this Fall with a required meeting for parents and students. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 29th at 7:30 p.m.-8:15 P.M. at St. Martin's Church.. At this meeting, we will outline the Confirmation program and what is required to complete the program. *There is a fee of \$50. Please send your registration in to St. Martin's Rectory or bring that the night of the meeting. Also, **bring a copy of his/her Baptismal certificate if they were not baptized at STA/SMT. A calendar is included here Keep for Future reference.***

To begin Confirmation preparation, students need to be entering **10<sup>th</sup> grade or older**, completed Religious Education classes or be attending a Catholic High school. Our program this year will be hybrid based on the state of COVID 19. We follow all health and safety guidelines. More info on 9/29.

**If your son or daughter will be attending this year's Confirmation program, please e-mail his/her name to me by Monday September 27<sup>th</sup> at moey17@aol.com so we may prepare for the number of students registering.** If you believe you have received this letter in error, please let me know as well, so that the rectory records can be updated. **If you know of someone who did not receive the letter of invitation to Confirmation please give them my cell (see below)to contact me and have them plan on attending the September 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.**

Confirmation is a sacrament that continues the welcome and the belonging your child began with Baptism and continued with Eucharist. You have been journeying with your son or daughter in this adventure of life and faith for quite a stretch. This is an important part of the road you are traveling; a chance to stop and view where you have been, where you are and where you are going both in your own life of faith and together with your child. As a parish community, we strive to support you and your family as you share life and faith with your adolescent. Confirmation deepens our relationship with God and strengthens us to live lives of faith and mission. Before you attend this meeting together, please take time to talk with your daughter or son about this commitment.. If you are ready to begin this preparation, open your heart and mind to the power of the Holy Spirit, then you can confidently move forward with your decision knowing God's presence is with you to give you strength and guidance. If you or your teen have concerns about beginning this program, please feel free to discuss that with me. It isn't a good idea to force the issue or to require your youth to participate. This is about relationship and relationships don't work well when forced.

I am very happy to share in this special time with you and your family and look forward to meeting you on **Wednesday September 29th**. It is a privilege for me to walk with you on this Journey of Faith and I am here if you have any questions or concerns. Please feel free to contact me at any time at **moey17@aol.com** or **716-512-8176**. Have a wonderful beginning of the school year.

May the Peace of Christ be Yours,  
Maureen Myers

High School Religious Education Director Grades 9-10/Confirmation.