



Dear Family,

I am writing you and your family to talk about preparing for Confirmation. Before I explain the details, I would first like to ask, how are you doing? What do you appreciate in these circumstances? What makes you wish it were over?! How may we support you? Please let me know. I'll do what I can for you.

We are experiencing a year like no other, being transformed on a daily basis in the way we accomplish simple tasks such as grocery shopping, attending Mass, and visiting with friends. We have days we are coping just fine, and other days when it's a melt-down. Sometimes it's coping and melting in one day!

In light of our current transforming experiences, learning about and living our Catholic faith is being renewed. We can acknowledge these times of renewal when we pray and learn together. One path to renewal of faith is the journey of the Holy Spirit, the journey to prepare for Confirmation. We invite you to prepare for Confirmation at St Dominic Church.

The program we have found to be successful for small group learning and faith discussions is Dynamic Catholic: Decision Point. Each small group has a set of interactive videos; students and teachers use vibrant guidebooks to follow, learn, and discuss current day topics. Topics for discussion include: *Life is Choices, The Jesus Question, The Prayer Process, Relationships, Confirmation, Made for Mission,* etc. As you can see, these topics provide opportunities for lively discussions that strengthen and build an active faith life for youth and adults. To preview, go online to <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view>

Small group gatherings may be via zoom, or outdoors, or indoors with social distancing. Service projects are local events, such as "Neighbors helping Neighbors" – raking leaves, shoveling snow, picking up grocery items; or assisting at the Northfield Community Action Center; and/or writing a brief note to a homebound resident at Northfield Retirement Center or 3 Links Retirement Center. Chapel time is a peace-filled opportunity for a visit with Jesus, and during Mass, students may assist as lectors, videographers, or greeters.

Would you like to participate in our Confirmation program? Help us open doors to new activities within our Confirmation program 😊

We need your voice and your actions to make what we do meaningful. Year 1 Groups are now forming. Please complete and submit registration form, questionnaire, and payment by Sunday, September 13, 2020. Let's be the difference! Let's be the one to encourage and inspire! Help us plan faith activities that enrich living the Catholic faith 😊

God bless you and inspire us all!

St Dominic Church Director of Faith Formation, Mara Mangan



Student Questionnaire

We really would like to know your ideas, your thoughts.

1. What do you hope to receive through Confirmation preparation?
2. Describe a time when praying with friends & family or being at church was meaningful for you.
3. Name two people, your age, who would help you grow your relationship with God.
4. How may we support you and your family at this time?
5. What game(s) do you enjoy playing?
6. Name an adult who you think would be a good Confirmation Teacher.

Thank You



Adult Questionnaire

We appreciate your time in completing this form.

1. What is the most important thing you would like your student to learn as he/she prepares for Confirmation?
2. Describe a time when praying with friends & family or being at church was most meaningful for you.
3. Who inspires you? What qualities do they have?
4. Confirmation Small groups often meet on Sunday or Wednesday, what day of the week would you prefer your student attend?
5. Confirmation Small Groups have at least 2 teachers. Would you consider being a Confirmation co-teacher?
6. What may we do to help you and your family feel faithfully grounded and supported, especially during this pandemic?

THANK YOU

