

May 29, 2008

First Year Confirmation Students and Parents,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Immaculate Conception's Confirmation program. We have implemented some changes into the program, so we ask that you please read the following letter carefully.

The first change to the program is the time. It will meet on **Sunday mornings**, once a month, from **10:00a.m. until 12:30p.m.** We took a poll last year and found more students and parents would rather meet earlier for a variety of reasons. This time will hopefully encourage many of our students to fulfill their Sunday obligation and attend 9:00 Mass prior to class.

We will no longer meet in Dwyer Hall, but at **Immaculate Conception School**. Meeting at the school will give our Confirmation students a better learning experience with the use of whiteboards, power point, and the internet. We have also implemented a new curriculum designed to encourage students to explore and learn our Catholic faith because it relates to teenagers realistically.

Students who attend CBA, Bishop Grimes, or other Catholic high schools will be required to attend class service projects, symposiums or workshops, but because they receive religious instruction daily at school, will not be required to attend First Year Confirmation classes. This will enable our Confirmation teachers to have smaller class sizes and more time to spend with students who do not have daily religious education. All Second Year Confirmation students must attend Confirmation Prep classes the following year regardless of the high school they attend.

Our Confirmation program is designed to help prep our teens to make a mature and informed decision to seal their faith as a Roman Catholic. My hope is it will also strengthen their relationship with God.

Please return the enclosed registration form by July 15th, with the registration fee. We will hopefully be able to plan a social event before class in September. Enjoy your summer and we will see you soon!

Warmly,

Lisa Matto
High School Faith Formation Coordinator

