

8<sup>th</sup> grade families,

As some of you may know, our Confirmation preparation process has been through some changes in the past three years since I started at Nativity. We are constantly trying to evaluate what has been tried in the past, including successes and hiccups. We moved to a two-year preparation process in the fall of 2016, and have implemented that idea for two Confirmation classes now.

After conversations with families and other local parishes, we have made the decision to move back to a one-year preparation process. This means a few things for your family in particular:

- Your current 8<sup>th</sup> grade student has the option to begin his/her preparation for Confirmation in the fall of 2019. You can register him/her for this preparation beginning next spring (May 2019).
- If your family chooses to register your current 8<sup>th</sup> grade student, he/she will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in May 2020, as a sophomore in high school.

We have decided upon roughly two monthly meetings from September through April, a one-day retreat in September, and a weekend retreat in January. The 2019-2020 calendar will look something like this:

- September
  - One-day retreat at Nativity
  - One preparation night
- October
  - Two preparation nights
- November
  - Service project
  - One preparation night
- December
  - Two preparation nights
- January
  - Weekend retreat at CYO Camp Rancho Framasa
  - One preparation night
- February
  - Two preparation nights
- March
  - Service project
  - One preparation night
- April
  - One preparation night
  - Confirmation Mass

This preparation will continue to cost \$80, with an addition \$75 fee for the weekend retreat. More details about this model of preparation can be found on our website at [nativityindy.org/youth-confirmation](http://nativityindy.org/youth-confirmation). I look forward to working with your family next fall (2019) to prepare your son/daughter for Confirmation!

Yours in Christ,

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