

Dear Friends:

Greetings in Christ! I hope this letter finds you well and enjoying the summer. As you may have heard, the Bishop of the Diocese of Knoxville has recently issued some changes regarding confirmation in our diocese.

The age of confirmation will be moving from high school to 5th/6th grade. These changes will be implemented over the next 3 years. The age of confirmation will now be moved to 5th/6th grade by January 1, 2019. More information about the bishop's decree can be found here: <http://dioknox.org/video/> or <http://dioknox.org/35002/bishop-stika-announces-change-to-confirmation-age-grade-level-effective-in-2019/>

The changes at All Saints will be implemented as follows:

2016-2017 School Year: Students in grades 8-12 are eligible to participate and be prepared for the sacrament of confirmation. Eligible candidates must attend classes and complete the service and retreat requirements for confirmation. Classes will begin in Sept. 2016. Confirmation will be sometime in spring 2017 per the schedule of the Bishop.

2017-2018 School Year: Students in grades 5-8 are eligible to participate and be prepared for the sacrament of confirmation. Eligible candidates must attend classes and complete the service and retreat requirements for confirmation. Classes will begin in Sept. 2017. Confirmation will be sometime in spring 2018 per the schedule of the Bishop.

2018-2019 School Year: Confirmation preparation will be in grade 5.

Registration Info: There are three ways to register for our religious education program.

1. Register online:

Grades 9-12: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/2016-2017-registration-1>

Grades 6-8: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/2016-2017-registration>

2. Download and print a registration form and mail/drop it by:

Grades 9-12: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/religious-ed-high-school>

Grades 6-8: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/religious-ed-grades-6-8>

3. Pick up a registration form in the parish office or in the church narthex.

For more general information about our programs, please click on the links below to download:

- Program Overview
- Class Schedules
- Confirmation Requirements
- Retreat schedules
- Student Choice Service Forms
- Retreat Registration Forms

Grades 9-12: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/religious-ed-high-school>

Grades 6-8: <http://www.allsaintsknoxville.org/religious-ed-grades-6-8>

We will need lots of adult helpers and teachers for this upcoming years with these changes. Please prayerfully consider being a part of our teaching and support teams. If you are interested, please contact Annie Nassis (474-8609 or annieatallsaints@yahoo.com) or Deacon Tim Elliott (474-8604 or telliott@dioknox.org).

Thank you for your continued support of our parish.

Sincerely yours in Christ,



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