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## Queen of Saints



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Dear parents and families of Confirmation age students,

Two essential parts of Jesus' life and ministry were the gifting of the Holy Spirit, and the commissioning of His followers to build up the kingdom of God by proclaiming His Name and Kingdom in word and deed. Jesus continues to give the Holy Spirit and commission His disciples in the sacrament of Confirmation. Teenagers, usually Sophomores in our archdiocese, receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the purpose of increasing and fortifying their ability and desire to follow Christ. The sacrament of Confirmation is an important part of each person's development as a follower of Jesus.

Earlier this year Archbishop Zinkula asked the priests and Confirmation catechists in our Archdiocese to work towards having larger Confirmation Masses that are celebrated with the dignity and importance of the moment. In order to rise to the occasion, and after consulting with our Confirmation catechists, we are going to make a pretty significant change in our Confirmation program here at Queen of Saints.

**Going forward we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation every other year during the Spring or Easter season.** Ultimately, we will have Confirmation preparation every other year after this next year.

### What you need for this school year of 2024-2025

**9<sup>th</sup> grade: Register as normal with fee.**

**10<sup>th</sup> grade Register as normal without a fee.**

This next year will require a transition from the old program of preparation to the new. Therefore, in 2025 we will celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation sometime in the fall (date to be determined) with this year's sophomores and freshmen (high school graduating classes of '27 and '28).

This year's 9<sup>th</sup> graders will experience basically no difference from what they would have. We will have a year of monthly nights of preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

10<sup>th</sup> graders will not have any classes in the fall. Instead, we will send out something in the winter detailing one or two meetings and a rehearsal/retreat afternoon in the fall closer to the Confirmation celebration. I wish I could be more specific, but we are still working on what specifically will happen as we transition our program.

Thank you for bringing your children to receive Confirmation. As much as our catechists do, they cannot compare to the work that you do in nurturing the faith of your children. You are the most important person in your child's growth and development as a follower of Jesus.

In Christ,



Fr. Jake Dunne