

**Confirmation 2012 At. St. Martin's Cathedral.**  
**Getting Started:**  
**A Note to the Parents of Our Confirmation Students .**



*On behalf of St. Martin's Cathedral, we wish to congratulate you and your Child on taking this big step in your faith journey!*

Confirmation is a Sacrament that continues the **welcoming and the belonging** that began when you and your Godparents made some very special and specific promises on behalf of your baby. They are not Babies any more!

*Isn't it amazing how fast they have grown?*

Confirmation happens when children **decide for themselves if they want to claim the promises made for them at baptism. If they do, they receive training from a loving community, and the laying on of hands by the Bishop so they may receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, to strengthen them through their life journey.**

**What is Confirmation Training all about?**

**It is an important "Rite of Passage"** in the Spiritual life of a child. Christian spirituality speaks of a relationship with Christ, a commitment to His way, and to His people (The Church)

**It is an important time for children** who are (or will soon be!) going through some adolescent changes! Our goal is to create a friendly, safe and positive environment in which children learn strong values and are encouraged for life in the world ahead! Because it is such a formative time in our lives, we pay extra attention to helping children develop self confidence, awareness and respect for others, and a sense that they are responsible for the choices they make.

**The Need for Commitment..A Major Theme of Confirmation.**  
**Confirmation is about Commitment to the Christian way of life.** It involves learning about the Christian way, and being an active member of the Christian Family. One of the greatest “popular illusions” that many hold is... that people can be good Christians without attending, supporting, or being involved in Church. This is simply not so. God is everywhere, but our scriptures teach very clearly that Jesus loved the Church, and that he works out His plan for human history through the body of believers who would meet, love and live together in Community because of what he has done for us. We gather on a regular basis to learn, share, plan, act and grow.

**There is an expectation that**  
**Children will attend every class and regular worship.**  
Confirmation training takes place during worship as well!  
We know that lives are full and busy and some weekends will call you away! I simply ask that you let me know when they will be away from Church.

**When are the Classes?**  
**Confirmation Class will be held every FRIDAY immediately after school at the Cathedral**

## **Class And Worship Schedule:**

**I have included the schedule on a separate sheet of paper. Please post it somewhere where you and your child will be reminded of the proper times.**

## **Snacks**

Kids love to eat! At each class we provide a snack for the group. Parents are asked to share in this by taking turns bringing along Juice Boxes and treats for the group.  
Please.. **No Peanuts or Kiwi!**

**Again, Welcome to the Confirmation program!**  
**If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at 256 3838 or email [churchoffice@ourcommunion.org](mailto:churchoffice@ourcommunion.org)**  
**Rev. John+**