



March 23, 2018

Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

St. Vincent De Paul's Confirmation date is fast approaching and I know many of you have questions about the details of the day. This letter is sent with the hope of answering all of these questions! Enclosed you will find the following information:

1. Letter to Confirmation Candidates from Fr. Dennis Zehren.
2. Family page (details for the day) and Parking Instructions. (Blue page)
3. Confirmation Ritual responses. (green page)
4. Seating chart for Confirmation. (purple page)

Please pay special attention to the Confirmation ritual responses on the green page. The Confirmation Candidate should be able to answer these questions clearly. The Archbishop has made a specific point in addressing the ability of each candidate knowing and giving the correct response. The Archbishop would also like them to look at him while answering the questions and not at the floor.

If you have any questions once you have reviewed all of the enclosed pages, please contact me by email at: nicholechang@saintvdp.org I would be happy to clarify or answer any questions you may have prior to April 21st, so that the day of Confirmation will be a celebration of the Sacrament focusing on the Candidate rather than on the details. Take time to thoroughly read through the following pages and keep them to refer to on the day of your Confirmation.

I look forward to praying with you and our entire parish at the **Rite of Sending for Confirmation on April 15th, at the 9:00 am and 11:00 am Masses.** You may attend the Mass of your choosing. After Mass, **please stay in the Church for my final announcements (DO NOT GO TO REGAN HALL)** about the Confirmation Mass on April 21st.

Please remember to keep all of the Confirmation Candidates in prayer over these last weeks before Confirmation. As a parish and the body of Christ, we are called to support our youth as they stand up and are sealed by the Holy Spirit, claiming their lives in a new way for Christ. Pray that their hearts may be open and that all of their preparations for the Sacrament of Confirmation will bear fruit in the years to come. One amazing way to prepare for Confirmation

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is celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation. I highly encourage all the Candidates to seek out the grace of this beautiful Sacrament prior to Confirmation!

Again, if there is anything you need, please contact me by email. I am here specifically to support you and the Candidates to ensure this day is a beautiful celebration of their commitment to Christ as they receive the final Sacrament of Initiation into the Church. I pray you and your family are having a grace filled Lent and have found time to prepare your heart in a new way for Easter Sunday.

Peace in Christ,

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