

## **CONFIRMATION**

**CONFIRMATION IS CELEBRATED AT ST. RITA IN THE SPRING OF EVEN NUMBERED YEARS WITH CHILDREN IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES. OUR PARISH POLICIES REQUIRE THAT CHILDREN RECEIVE TWO CONSECUTIVE YEARS OF FAITH FORMATION INCLUDING THE YEAR THAT THE SACRAMENT IS CELEBRATED TO PARTICIPATE IN A SACRAMENTAL CELEBRATION. THIS MEANS THAT YOUR CHILD SHOULD BE ATTENDING EITHER ST. RITA CATHOLIC SCHOOL OR PARTICIPATING IN OUR CCE PROGRAM SINCE AT LEAST THE SIXTH GRADE AND BE A REGULAR MASS PARTICIPANT.**

**WHO: ANY BAPTIZED CATHOLIC WHO IS IN THE 7<sup>TH</sup> OR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE WHO HAS CELEBRATED FIRST COMMUNION. THERE IS ALSO A PARENT COMPONENT WHICH MAY TAKE THE FORM OF AN EVENING MEETING OR MAY BE INCLUDED IN A RETREAT SETTING. ACTIVE PARTICIPATION OF THE SPONSOR IS ALSO REQUESTED DURING THE TIME OF PREPARATION.**

**WHAT: THE PREPARATION PROCESS INCLUDES NOT ONLY CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION BUT ALSO RETREATS AND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES.**

**WHEN: CLASSROOM INSTRUCTION IS DONE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS. RETREATS AND SERVICE DAYS ARE USUALLY ON SATURDAYS. THE CELEBRATION IS SCHEDULED AT THE THROUGH THE ARCHBISHOPS OFFICE.**

**IF YOUR CHILD WAS BAPTIZED AS AN INFANT AND IS NOW IN HIGH SCHOOL OR YOU ARE AN ADULT WHO WAS BAPTIZED CATHOLIC AND HAS YET TO BE CONFIRMED CONTACT THE OFFICE OF RELIGIOUS EDUCATION.**

**SPONSORS MUST BE AT LEAST 16 YEARS OF AGE, A BAPTIZED CATHOLIC WHO HAS RECEIVED CONFIRMATION AND EUCHARIST AND IS ACTIVELY PRACTICING THEIR FAITH.**