

St. Joseph Parish  
**CONFIRMATION RETREAT 2012**  
Parent/Guardian Letter to Child

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Plans are underway for the Confirmation retreat to held January 28, 2012 during the retreat, the candidates will be given the opportunity to stop and think about their relationship with God and how this relationship affects and inspires other relationships in their lives. They will participate in quiet time, group activities and the celebration of the Liturgy.

All of us are assisting you in preparing the children to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation ask you to help us in a very special way. Part of the retreat day will focus on the love and support we receive from those around us. We would like to surprise each candidate with a letter of encouragement from you. This will truly be a wonderful gift to the children from you!

If you have never written such a letter, or need a little help to get it started, we are including some ideas which may help.

1. How proud you are of this young person for the way he/she is preparing for Confirmation - effort, Christian awareness, prayer, concern for others, etc.;
2. The special place he/she holds within your family; how he/she has brought love and joy to the family and others;
3. Words of encouragement to help them through the rough spots that come up in life;
4. The hope that he/she will always strive to grow in his/her relationship with God and live a moral, responsible life as a fully initiated Catholic Christian.

For this to be a successful and memorable part of the retreat day, it is very important for every child to receive a letter. Please try to keep this letter a surprise. Place your letter in the enclosed white envelope and seal it. Place the envelope back in the Confirmation Packet envelope and return it with all the other required information by the week of December 11<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you for taking the time to do this for your child. We appreciate your support of our efforts and for the children to receive the Holy Spirit in a very special way the day they are confirmed.

In Christ's Peace,  
Mrs. Thomas, DRE