

# St. Michael Parish

## Sacrament of Confirmation

### Code of Conduct

The Religious Education Programs are designed to foster the development, understanding, and growth of Catholic Christian Discipleship in the youth of St. Michael Parish.

The Confirmation Preparation Program is a specific program to help prepare our youth for the Sacrament of Confirmation and a lifelong commitment to Christ as a disciple.

We have designed the program with Large group presentation, small group conversations, a full day retreat, and active participation in the Celebration of Holy Mass to build community among the candidates and with the Parish as a whole.

In order to accomplish this sense of community, we are asking for the cooperation and good behavior of each candidate during the retreats, sessions and Holy Mass.

The following procedure is intended to maintain a productive learning environment for the candidates, advisors, and parents:

- 1<sup>st</sup> incident ~ In the event a candidate is uncooperative and/or is misbehaving during the retreat, session, or Holy Mass, the advisor will take the candidate aside and discuss with him/her about why this behavior is inappropriate and how it is disrespectful to the other candidates and the advisor.
- 2<sup>nd</sup> incident ~ In the event the misbehavior continues, the candidate and Catechetical Leader will call parents and ask for a conference to discuss the inappropriateness of the behavior. It will be understood at this time that if such behavior continues, the candidate will be removed from the program and will be asked to wait to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation when he/she is ready and able to control his/her behavior.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> incident ~ After the Parent/Catechetical Leader meeting, should the candidate continue the inappropriate behavior, parents will be called to pick up the candidate from the event/session. At this point, a conversation with the Candidate, Parent, Catechetical Leader and the Pastor will be arranged to discuss whether the candidate is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.