



# St. Philip Neri Catholic Church

A SPIRIT OF CARING AND GIVING

## Confirmation at St. Philip Neri Policy

### **The Sacrament**

Prior to his ascension into heaven, Jesus told his apostles that he would send them the Holy Spirit to be their advocate and guide, and on the Feast of Pentecost, the promised gift of the Holy Spirit fell on the apostles and the Virgin Mary as they prayed in the Upper Room, empowering them to be witnesses of Jesus in the world. "The Sacrament of Confirmation perfects Baptismal grace; it is the sacrament which gives the Holy Spirit in order to root us more deeply in the divine filiation, incorporate us more firmly into Christ, strengthen our bond with the Church, associate us more closely with her mission, and help us to bear witness to the Christian faith in words accompanied by deeds." (CCC 1316) "Confirmation, like Baptism, imprints a spiritual mark or indelible character on the Christian's soul; for this reason one can receive this sacrament only once in one's life." (CCC 1317)

### **The Program**

The Confirmation Program at St. Philip Neri aims to prepare 10<sup>th</sup> graders to receive the fullness of the Holy Spirit in the Sacrament of Confirmation. Through the preparation, teens encounter the Lord through taking on more responsibility within the Parish community, serving the greater community with love, and learning more about the Catholic Faith that they will soon be fully claiming as their own.

Teens have the option to register for small group meetings on Sunday evenings or Wednesday nights, two to three times a month. Additional events, such as volunteering and retreats, are throughout the year. Small group meeting attendance and additional expectations are required and are given upon the beginning of the year. These expectations help to prepare the teens adequately for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

## What to Know about Registering your Teen

What do you need to know?

- **If your teen is in 10<sup>th</sup> grade and desires to receive Confirmation**, then they are eligible to be prepared for the Sacrament! However, before registering for the prep program, the teen and a parent must attend one information meeting. Because of the changes to our program and the expectations required, you **cannot** register your teen unless you have attended a meeting. Meeting dates are posted in the bulletin or can be found by contacting Tayler Culbertson.
- **Teens in 9<sup>th</sup> grade will NOT register for Confirmation this summer** but will be expected to attend Life Teen over the year in order to maintain involvement in the parish. The Diocese requires that those who wish to be prepared for the Sacrament must be involved in formation **prior** to the program year. This is why teens must be in Life Teen to continue formation and education.