



March 16, 2018

Dear Parents of Fall 2018 Confirmation Candidates,

We are happy to announce that Confirmation will be celebrated on Saturday, October 27th, 2018. Our presider will be Bishop Ned Shlesinger, Auxiliary Bishop of the Archdiocese of Atlanta.

Throughout this past year, we have had the opportunity to listen to our youth share what is important to them as they strive to continue in a lifelong practice of the faith. In these conversations it was found that one of the most significant ways we can support them in their faith is to acknowledge that their questions and concerns are relevant and are deserving of respect without judgement. It is with that in mind that we are excited to announce an important and necessary change to our current program so that it is more meaningful and personalized for the candidates.

SUMMER 2018
ST. PETER CHANEL
CONFIRMATION CONFERENCE

"Hear My Voice"
July 21st 9:00am to 8:00pm
St. Peter Chanel Catholic Church

- * Teens choose the sessions they want to attend.
- * Topics are presented by dynamic priests and speakers.
- * Vigil Mass with the Signing of the Book of Names.
- * Games, activities, lots of food, and fellowship!

This one-day conference is the final component of the Confirmation program that your candidate needs to attend prior to the rehearsal and celebration of the Sacrament. Our session topics have been selected in response to what the teens have shared with us about their faith and its relevance in their life. Candidates will choose the sessions that are of interest to them. These sessions will be led by dynamic priests and speakers involved in youth ministry. Our teens will also have the opportunity to spend time with each other in games, activities, and fellowship throughout the day. Our conference will end with Mass and an evening presentation.

We are aware of the challenges that parents face in attempting to meet all of the obligations placed on our families. With that in mind, we have decided to inform you on the updated final components of the Confirmation program through this letter as opposed to a required meeting. If, after reviewing the calendar on the reverse, you have any questions or concerns, we will be happy to discuss those with you at our two informal information sessions that are listed there as well. We simply ask that after reading this information, you sign and return the enclosed acknowledgement form.

Peace,

Monsignor Peter J. Rau
Pastor

Rosemary Potts
Director of Religious Education

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