



OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

The first year of instruction for Confirmation has been completed; we now focus on the second year of preparing for actual reception of the sacrament. Please go to our parish Website ourladyofthelake.org to find the 10th grade registration form for the second year. This second year form allows us to be aware of possible changes relating to your child & your family in such pertinent areas as health care, allergies, dietary or activity restrictions, *etc.* Please print e-mail address clearly, as we do use this to send information during the year. Be sure to fill out both sides and return the form to my attention **on or before Friday, July 8th**, in order for your child to be placed in a class. After that date we will not be accepting registrations, as adequate time is needed to plan for those participating.

There will be a mandatory meeting for 10th grade parents on Tuesday September 27th at 7:30 p.m. in McKenna Hall to discuss the details of the second year program. During the second year preparation for confirmation, there is a Weekend Retreat for all 10th grade candidates. This retreat is a mandatory program requirement, so if your son/daughter should have scheduling conflicts with our weekends it will be your responsibility to ensure that they participate in a Confirmation retreat with another parish. Other information on the retreat will be provided in the Confirmation Handbook and at the parents meeting.

The fee for the second year program is \$300.00 which covers books, other program materials, and the weekend retreat. Please enclose a check when returning the completed registration form. . No child will ever be denied a religious education, if there is a financial hardship arrangements can be made. **Also, if your child was not baptized at Our Lady of the Lake please have a copy of their baptismal certificate forwarded from the church of baptism.** Please send in the completed sponsor form and confirmation name form if you have not already done so, (these are also available on website). If you have any questions, please contact me at the parish center.



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In the second year program, 10th grade classes meet from 6:15pm to 9:00pm on Sunday evening; usually twice a month. Classes begin Sunday September 18th, 2011. This time includes attendance at 6:30pm Mass. Attendance at weekly Mass is expected of all Catholics, and is part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. Classes will be held in the Parish Center, please have your teen report to the same classroom as last year.

A Copy of our Confirmation Handbook Guidelines is available on our Website. The handbook will provide the Parish and Diocese guidelines and other relevant information. **The schedule for the confirmation classes for 2011/2012 and other important dates are also posted on website; ourladyofthelake.org.** In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to call me at the parish center. 973-729-6108

This letter has been sent home to each family, with your son/daughters Retreat Weekend Date & Confirmation Mass Date. If you have any questions please call me 973-729-6108.

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Laurie DiCianni
Youth Minister