



## OUR LADY OF THE LAKE CHURCH

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Dear Parents,

Now that your child has completed eighth grade religious instruction, I invite you to register him/her for the first year of preparation for Confirmation. All forms are available on our Website **ourladyofthelake.org**. Please print & fill out the **9<sup>th</sup> grade** registration form completely. The form allows us to be aware of important information relating to your child, your family and other pertinent areas e.g. health care, allergies, restrictions and so on. Please be sure to fill out both sides and return the form to my attention **on or before Friday, July 8th**. After that date we will not be accepting registrations, as adequate time is needed to plan for those participating.

There will be some differences in the first year program as compared to the religious education classes your child may have participated in previously. **Sessions will take place at the Parish Center on Sunday afternoons for 9th grade from 4:45 to 7:30PM** usually twice a month. This time includes attendance at **6:30 PM Mass**. Attendance at weekly Mass is expected of all Catholics, and is part of the preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. There will also **be a one-day retreat** for the candidates, which will be held in **McKenna Hall** on Saturday **February 11th, 2012; Snow Date** on Saturday **March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2012**. This retreat day begins at 1:00pm and ends with 5:30pm Mass. **The Confirmation Program will begin on Sunday, September 18th, with a mandatory parent meeting scheduled for Tuesday, September 20th at 7:30 PM** in McKenna Hall.

The fee for the first year program is \$150, which covers books, other program materials, and 9th grade retreat expenses. Please enclose a check in this amount when returning the completed registration form, please complete both sides. **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 their baptism.**

A copy of our Confirmation Handbook is available on our Website. The handbook will provide the Parish and Diocese guidelines and other relevant information. A copy of our confirmation classes for 2011/2012 and other important dates will be posted on-line under Youth/Confirmation. In the meantime, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me at the parish center. 973-729-6108. **Classroom assignments will be mailed home by the end of August.**

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Laurie DiCianni  
Youth Minister