

Dear Parents:

This letter serves two purposes: a reminder of paperwork which needs to be turned in immediately, and information about the Confirmation Retreat.

RETREAT

When: Saturday, February 22, 2014; 9:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m. (includes 5:30 Saturday evening Mass)

Where: Blessed Sacrament school/church

Who: Pius X Retreat Team

The Pius X Retreat Team, led by trained students from Pius X High School and under the direction through the Ministries Program of the Lincoln Diocese, will be conducting the retreat. Lunch will be provided by the Parish, however we will be needing parent volunteers for a couple of different jobs. First, it would be very helpful if several parents could be available from 11:45 – 1:30 to set up before and clean up after lunch. Also, we would like to have a mid-afternoon break with cookies and soda. We will need several families to provide packages of cookies and soda. It would also be helpful if parents could set up the cookie break, which is scheduled at this time for 2:25. If any parents are interested in attending the sessions, you are welcome to do so, but this isn't a need.

All parents are welcomed and encouraged to end the retreat by joining your child for the sacraments of Penance and Holy Eucharist. The group will be moving to the church at approximately 3:00 for rehearsal, followed by confessions and the recitation of the Rosary. After confessions the group will proceed to the gym and then will return to the Church for the 5:30 Mass. Attending the 5:30 Mass will fulfill your Sunday obligation. Sponsors are also welcome to join us at this point of the retreat.

PLEASE NOTE: The retreat is **REQUIRED** for all Confirmandi to be confirmed. If there is a serious reason a Confirmand cannot attend the retreat, or the retreat in its entirety, parents will need to contact Father Sullivan PRIOR to the retreat. **Again, the retreat is a mandatory requirement for Confirmation.**

We need volunteers for the below items. If you are able to help with any of these items fill out the below form and return it to your students instructor no later than February 19, 2014, **or as soon as possible**. Any assistance you can provide with these items will be greatly appreciated.

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I am willing to help with the following:

- _____ Sep up and monitor lunch, 11:45 – 12:30
- _____ Clean up lunch, 12:30 – 1:30
- _____ Set up/Clean up snack, 2:15 – 3:00
- _____ Provide one package or one dozen cookies
- _____ Provide **canned** soda / Kool Aid or other beverage.



Allergy Alert

Please avoid bringing snack items that contain peanuts and/or any other nuts. Be sure to read food labels carefully, and avoid snacks that may have come in contact with peanuts.

Manufactured foods are required to clearly state whether foods contain any peanuts, traces of peanuts, peanut or nut oils etc. or if the product was produced in factories that also process peanuts.

(Please provide your name and phone number)

REMINDERS

ALL PAPERWORK FOR CONFIRMATION SHOWN IN BOLD TEXT IS DUE NOW!! **PLEASE TURN IN FORMS IMMEDIATELY.**

- **Sponsor Form signed by the Sponsors Pastor** – was due January 8, 2014
- **Baptismal certificate** (if not baptized at Blessed Sacrament)
- Service hours sheet **SERVICE HOURS MUST BE COMPLETED BEFORE CONFIRMATION**
- Home Study Packet

Thank you to those of you who have already turned in your students completed paperwork for Confirmation. We appreciate your attention and promptness.

CONFIRMATION DRESS CODE

BOYS: Dress shirt & tie, dark dress pants, socks and dark dress shoes.
Optional: Jacket or sweater.
NO: earrings, jeans, khakis, shorts or tennis shoes

Girls: Dress or skirt (knee length or below) with collar or high neck and (long or short) sleeves (shoulders must be covered – thus no spaghetti straps); dress shoes.
NO: High heeled shoes, makeup, sparkle/glitter hair or body spray, dangling earrings, shorts/squats, tennis shoes, skirts above the knee, blouses or dresses which are sleeveless.

PLEASE NOTE: The reason for the “no makeup” and “no sparkle/glitter hair or body spray” dress code is because makeup, hair spray, sparkle/glitter hair or body spray etc. can contaminate the holy oil. Therefore, the forehead must be **totally chemical free!** Also, the forehead must be accessible for anointing, so please make sure bangs (both boys and girls) are pulled back or pushed aside.



PLEASE – NO FLASH PHOTOGRAPHY DURING MASS!

We would once again remind you to be praying with your child on a regular basis. There is no more of an important preparation for Confirmation than prayer. It is also important to be quizzing your child on the 92 questions, as well as the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit and their definitions. Remember the sacraments are not “magic” and that grace will depend on our willingness to cooperate with the Holy Spirit.

Thank you for your help, and may God bless you richly!

In His Love,

Fr. John Sullivan
Fr. Craig Clinch
Sheri King
Deb Walker

Mary Baker
Julie Main
Erin Main
Mary Tvrdy