

FROM FR. JASON



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Please keep our Confirmation students in your prayers as they are getting closer to their Confirmation day. Below is the dialogue that will be used during their 'Rite of Enrollment' that will take place during the 10:30 am Mass this Sunday.

We are now closer and closer to Easter and only a few days of Lent are left. Have we done anything? As the saying goes, it is better late than never. Here is a great practice for every day, especially these days, from St. Padre Pio. "Never go to bed before having first examined your conscience [and saying an act of contrition] to consider how you spent your day. Turn all your thoughts towards the Lord and consecrate to Him your own person as well as all Christians. Then offer to His glory the sleep you will get, without ever forgetting your guardian angel, who is always at your side."

A Call to Confirmation

Terri Praschak: I would like to present to you those members of our parish community who are taking part in our Confirmation Journey during this year. They have expressed their desire to complete this last step in the process of initiation in the Church, and after almost a year of meeting with them and making them aware of what will be expected of them, we feel they are ready to begin this time of preparation. I invite them now to stand as I call them by name. As I call you by name, please stand and remain standing. (Candidates' names will be called.)

Fr. Jason: Dear Brothers and Sisters, you have asked to take part in our parish community Confirmation Journey. Will you faithfully do all that will be expected of you?

Candidates: We will.

Fr. Jason: Will you make every effort to grow closer to the Lord: By listening to his Word? By sharing his life in the Eucharist at Sunday Mass? By increasing your understanding of the Faith you have been given and by being an active member of our parish community?

Candidates: We will.

Fr. Jason: Will you ask the Lord to help you to live your Faith, so that the presence of Christ will be seen in your daily life?

Candidates: We will.

Fr. Jason: In the name of our parish community, I welcome and accept you as members of our Confirmation Journey, and I pray that you will faithfully carry out the good intentions you have expressed this morning. I would ask those accepted into our Confirmation Journey to please be seated, and I would invite their parents to please stand.

Fr. Jason: Dear parents, your sons and daughters have been welcomed into our confirmation preparation. Minimal instruction is not enough. They need your example and to know that you have their back in support. Will you help them by: Your prayers? Good example? Interest as they take part in their Confirmation Journey, helping them to deepen their relationship to the Lord and to His Church?

Parents: We will.

Fr. Jason: Let us all bless the Lord, and give an applause to the Holy Spirit, for bringing your children to this point in their lives, and for continuing to give them an itinerary that leads to Faith.

Peace,