



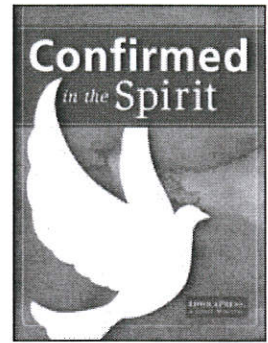
## St. Thomas PREP

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Dear Level 7 Parent(s):

The Church teaches that parents are the primary educators of their children. Embrace that and accept the responsibility that encompasses this task. This is such an important job for parents as you are your child's role model. Your words and actions are absorbed by your child. Faith is caught more than taught. **Confirmation is the sacrament that deepens the grace of Baptism, uniting us more closely with Jesus and the Church.**

*"Confirmed in the Spirit" by Loyola Press* has been received with great enthusiasm by students, parents and catechists. The goal of this sacramental program is to help young people be receptive and responsive to the graces and challenges of the Sacrament of Confirmation. They learn it is a Sacrament of Initiation that deepens their relationship with the Church. We will use this Confirmation Preparation Program with your child as they continue on their journey towards Confirmation. They will become more aware of the presence and action of the Spirit and his gifts within them, which empower them to live as Jesus did. *"Confirmed in the Spirit"* helps to prepare your child for Confirmation through readings, discussions, prayer, and scripture within the class.

In addition to *"Confirmed in the Spirit"* all students in Level 7 are to attend weekly Mass as part of the Confirmation Preparation program. Please have your child sign next to their name and note the Mass they attended in the **Green Weekly Mass Attendance Binder**. **Beginning September 23<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>**, the binder will be located in the church lobby in front of the Holy Family Sculpture. All names will be in alphabetical order. If you attend Mass at a different church, please have a priest or deacon from that parish sign a bulletin. You can then hand in your bulletin during PREP (please make sure your name is on it).

This program for Confirmation provides guidance to all those involved in the formation of the candidates and in the celebration of the sacrament so that Confirmation becomes a meaningful faith experience for the candidates, their family, and the parish community. At the same time, the program aims to equip the candidates with the knowledge and attitudes necessary for the lifelong process of conversion to Christ.

- Read through the book to see what your child is learning. Ask questions – have a discussion!
- **Make sure that your child comes prepared to class each week – with their book.**
- **Please print out a copy of your child's calendar from our website: [www.saintthomasob.com](http://www.saintthomasob.com) to complete any missed work due to absence. Please do the work with your child so that they will be on task for the next class.**

Encourage your child to do their best in class and to have an open heart to the Holy Spirit. **Stress the importance of respect for the Catechist, the other students and themselves.**

For more information, please visit the Loyola Press website at: [www.loyolapress.com/confirmation](http://www.loyolapress.com/confirmation)

Please call the PREP office at #732-251-1660 if there are any questions. Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

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