

# CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION GRADES 9-10

## *Saint Agatha Parish*

432 Adams Street, Milton, MA 02186-4398

Spring, 2018

Dear Parent/Guardian,

It is that time of year; you can now **register for the 2018-19 Confirmation program year for all students who will be going into grades 9 and 10 in fall, 2018.**

As we continue to consolidate all of our parish records into one database, this form also gives us an update to the parish information system. You will note several items that are not directly related to the Confirmation program, but I assure you that these are valuable pieces of information for the parish to know. I appreciate your assistance in keeping the parish records current.

**If you have a child entering the program for the first time who was NOT baptized at St. Agatha Parish, you need to provide a copy (do NOT send originals) of the new child's Baptismal Certificate.**

As we continue to grow more "green" in business practices, we are using email as much as possible. Therefore **it is critical that your family's email address is printed legibly and clearly on the form.**

**With the staffing changes including that of our Confirmation Coordinator, classes are tentatively going to be held at 3:30-4:50pm on the specified Sundays in the Gathering Space. This is open to change with the incoming coordinator, so please keep that in mind when completing a registration form.**

**Participants in our Confirmation program are heavily encouraged to attend the 5pm high school Mass with their families.** Teens are also welcome and encouraged to come to Life Teen high school youth group following the 5pm Mass.

I am always in special need of about 25 Catechists (teachers). Responsibilities include taking attendance, facilitating small-group discussions, and helping maintain focus in sessions. On the fence? Our classes are small (10 students) so perhaps you could team up with a friend and co-teach a class if you like!

**Please return this form** with your payment and copy of any required Baptismal records to the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible but **NO LATER THAN August 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018!** Returning them even earlier is highly encouraged to aid me in the preparation process. You may return your registration materials by dropping them off in our locked mailbox at the rectory office or mail them to the above address.

Faith Formation is a lifelong endeavor in which we are continually learning and growing in faith. I know I am not even close to finished learning about my Catholic Faith! Therefore, ***attendance is mandatory to ensure the continuity of formation. Learning the basics is extremely important in order to begin to understand why the church is relevant for each one of us as well as our mission within it.*** For this reason, **no more than 2 classes may be missed, and in addition, the missed classes must be made up by the end of the 2018-19 Confirmation year.** We cannot claim our adult faith unless we first know it and begin to practice it. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Grades 9 and 10 specifically are the time of immediate preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation. We concentrate on what it means to live as an adult in the Catholic Church. This is a two-year program, culminating in the reception of the sacrament in May of 10<sup>th</sup> grade. **Attendance to Faith Formation in prior years is prerequisite for advancement in the Confirmation process.**

St. Agatha Parish is proud to be able to offer structured catechesis at each of these levels to supplement the learning that takes place at home. We are confident families will ensure that there are no gaps in this process; we never “take a break” from our faith.

*Due to space limitations and availability of catechists, we will follow these procedures:*

- 1. Children will be assigned to classes in the order in which registrations are received.**
- 2. No child will be assigned to a class until there is a catechist to teach it. If no one steps up to serve as a Catechist, their children may not be able to participate depending on space. Please consider serving for the 11 select Sundays on which sessions take place. Thank you!**
- 3. If you register after August 1<sup>st</sup>, we cannot guarantee that your child will be assigned to a class by the first session.**

*In light of the above procedures, we urge you to register your child(ren) ASAP. Thank you.*

With a strong desire to allow all of our parish children to participate in the Confirmation Program, financial assistance is available if necessary. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Thank you for all you do to form your children in their Catholic faith!

In the abundant joy of Christ,

Brian Pellicano

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*PLEASE FIND THE REGISTRATION FORM ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE*

**ST. AGATHA PARISH**  
**Confirmation Registration Form and Parish Family Information Update**  
**Grades 9-10 / 2018-2019 School Year**

*By completing this registration form you become/continue as a registered member of the St. Agatha's community.*

**---FAMILY INFORMATION--- (Please print clearly) \* = Mandatory information**

\* Family Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

\* Address \_\_\_\_\_

\* City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

\* Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone(s) Father (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone(s) Father (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mother (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mother (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

\* E-mail address(es) \_\_\_\_\_

Father: \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_  
 Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Mother: \*First Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Last Name \_\_\_\_\_

\*Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Occupation \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact (**Do not list yourself as the Emergency Contact.** We will always try to contact the family first.)

\*Name \_\_\_\_\_ \*Relationship to child(ren) \_\_\_\_\_

\*Home Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**---CHILD(REN)'S INFORMATION---**

	Child #1	Child #2
First Name		
Gender		
Date of Birth		
School as of <b>Sept. 2018</b>		
Grade as of <b>Sept. 2018</b>		
Disabilities ( confidential)		
Medical Conditions/Allergies ( confidential)		
Additional Information you think we should know ( confidential)		
Baptism Date		
Baptism Church		
Baptism Church Address		
First Communion Date		
Communion Church		
Communion Address		

*If your child was not baptized at St. Agatha Church, please provide a **copy** of the baptismal certificate.*

If you filled out the following information **this year** for any child(ren) in Gr. 1-8, it's not necessary to answer again.

**For St. Agatha Parish to better minister to your family's needs, please let us know the following information:**

Are you a multi-faith family? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please indicate the other faith tradition \_\_\_\_\_

Is a secondary language used in the home? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, please indicate the other language \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to use the weekly offertory envelopes? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Already receive them \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to use the on-line giving option? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ Already contribute in this way \_\_\_\_\_

## OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMATION PROCESS

Confirmation is a two-year process beginning in Grade 9 and ending in the spring of Grade 10.

**Attendance over this period of time is again mandatory.**

### GRADE 9

***These sessions focus on the big picture, salvation history, the Gospel message, why by Catholic?, Jesus' message of discipleship, how do we stay joyful?, how does God help us in suffering?, and why do we have the sacraments?***

Includes: Incoming meeting with the confirmation Candidates, catechists and parent(s) that will be held in September. Approximately ten sessions to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2019.

### GRADE 10

***These sessions focus on who the Holy Spirit really is and what it does for us. We focus on why we go to Mass in the first place, marriage, Holy Orders, Mary, virtues, how we've been chosen for a mission, deepening our relationship with God, true worship, and accepting God's guidance towards our future selves.***

Includes: Incoming meeting with the confirmation Candidates, catechists and parent(s) that will be held in September. Approximately ten sessions to be held between the fall and spring semesters. A retreat will be held in spring, 2019. It will also include a closing meeting with parents, the sacrament of Reconciliation for all candidates, rehearsal for Confirmation and the actual Confirmation Mass in May of 2019.

## TO VOLUNTEER – PLEASE COMPLETE THIS SECTION

Please consider enriching our program by serving as a catechist. **In appreciation of sharing your time and faith, you are exempt from the registration fees for your 9<sup>th</sup> or 10<sup>th</sup> grader (s).** A donation of \$20 per child to cover the cost of materials would be appreciated.

I am willing to be a catechist. NAME \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE \_\_\_\_\_

### **---REGISTRATION FEES---**

The fee for the Confirmation program, including all retreat fees, is \$90 / year. **Deadline is August 1, 2018**

Grade 9 \$90 \_\_\_\_\_ Grade 10 \$90 \_\_\_\_\_ / Catechist Registration Fee Waiver \_\_\_\_\_ or Donation \$20 \_\_\_\_\_

**To learn more about our High School Youth Group called Life Teen – specify below!**

**I want to be included on the Life Teen listserv: Y / N**

**Follow Life Teen on social media & YouTube @staggieslifeteen**

### **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:**

Date Received \_\_\_\_\_ Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Check Number \_\_\_\_\_