

Dear Confirmands,

Greetings and Congratulations on deciding to continue your discernment towards Confirmation!

While classes will begin shortly, we wanted to set the tone for the next few months by discussing what commitment is. By you signing up to participate in our Confirmation class, you are making a specific commitment to be present in all the classes available up to Confirmation Sunday in April including our Annual Meeting on Feb. 2 (we do not have classes on Palm or Easter Sunday). Of course, there might be days where the weather does not permit us to gather together. Please know that we emphasize on emergencies and not just anything that comes up that might be more attractive than a class on Sunday morning. With this, we understand that emergencies happen in life where you might not be able to attend. Emergencies are not sports, vacations and sleepovers, but emergencies would include a death in the family, family illness, or if you're sick yourself. Confirmation is about making a lifelong commitment and the priorities you make during your discernment may set roots on what your relationship with the church is in the future. On a larger note, we need to help remind each other that, when we make a commitment, we need to keep it. Beginning in August, we have shared the dates in which we expect to have classes so anything you commit to after August should not take precedence over Confirmation. If we feel that anyone has not taken this seriously, we will more than likely have to have a conversation about further participation in confirmation. If you think this will not work for you this year, no worries! You can defer your discernment and if you decided to continue next year, you will not have to repeat everything you have already accomplished. We look forward to your presence and can't wait to walk with you this Spring!

Blessings,

<>< Dixon, Sara & Nick