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Dear Parents and Families of 2012 Confirmati,

Congratulations! Your teen is almost there - fully initiated into the Church! It is a wonderful time of year to be a Youth Minister. Seeing the spiritual and communal growth of the group of teens is so inspiring.

As you all know, our Confirmation Retreat will take place on Saturday October 22, beginning at 9AM. During this retreat experience, your teens will meet Christ in a new and fascinating way. They will be challenged to look into themselves and think about questions such as "What gifts has Christ given me? What is my role as a Catholic? Who do I want to become in life and faith? Who can help me get there". It is a great experience to be able to get away from the technological, fast paced, far too busy world that they are involved in and just be with Jesus. As He said, "Where two or three of you are gathered, I too am there". Well, with 50 gathered, we are sure that Jesus will be among us.

Please be sure your teen comes prepared with a permission slip, which can be printed from <http://www.stjoseph.belmont.ma.us/faithformation/ffconf.htm> as well as a Retreat Fee of \$75, to help cover the expenses of the experience. They should also bring a bag of chips, pretzels, cookies or fruit to share and a bottle of juice or soda. We will provide lunch and dinner on Saturday as well as breakfast on Sunday morning. They will surely NOT be hungry!

Please be prepared with the permission form, retreat fee (checks payable to Saint Joseph Parish) Sunday October 15. We will have a box in the gallery of the church before the 5PM Mass for collection. Snack donations can be brought the morning of Saturday, October 22.

Our retreat experience comes to an end following the 10AM Mass on October 23nd. If you could please join us for this Mass, it is a wonderful witness to the students, and the first time they can hug you after having such a moving experience. Please be assured that this will be a safe, well staffed and incredibly powerful experience for your teen! Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call or email.

In His Service,

Patrick Dayton
