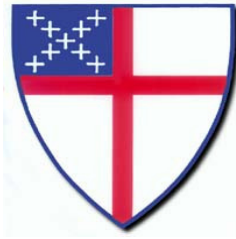


Confirmation Preparation Retreats



FOR: The Bishop strongly urges *EVERYONE* preparing for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation of their baptismal vows this year to attend one of these Retreats. *YOUTH* will attend an overnight retreat from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. *ADULTS* will have their own 90 minute session with the Bishop on the Saturday afternoon of the retreat.

DATES & LOCATIONS: Confirmation Retreats begin on Friday evening at 7PM and end at 3PM on Saturday afternoon. Congregations are assigned to retreats based on the dates on which they are being confirmed. If your assigned date is inconvenient you may attend on a different date. The assignments are as follows:

February 19-20 (bilingual with Spanish for adults/bilingüe con español para adultos) at The Church of the Epiphany, 105 Main St., Orange: Districts 3, 7 & 10.

March 5-6 at St. Paul's Church, Hillview Ave. & Mountain Way, Morris Plains: Districts 1, 5 & 9.

March 26-27 at St. Andrew & Holy Communion, 160 W. So. Orange Ave., So. Orange: Districts 1, 2, 6 & 8.

REGISTRATION & COST: Registration forms are available on the Christian Formation Commission (<http://cfc.dioceseofnewark.org/Events.html>) and Youth Ministry (<http://youth.dioceseofnewark.org>) websites. The Retreat costs \$27 for youth and \$5 for adults. *Scholarships are available.* Registration forms, insurance information and payments are due to the Diocesan Youth Missioner 2 weeks before the Retreat. ***PLEASE COMPLY WITH THE DEADLINE!***

FOCUS: Adults who will be confirmed, received or reaffirmed will have lunch together and meet with the Bishop as a group to discuss their respective faith journeys and explore what it means to be an Episcopalian. Likewise, youth will enjoy time with their peers and the Bishop. They'll also explore the ways in which their membership in the Anglican Communion makes them part of a church that is much bigger than their own congregations and learn about ministry opportunities for young people in this Diocese! **We ask the congregations' confirmation teachers to chaperone this retreat in a ratio of 1 adult for every 5-7 youth.** This facilitates the youths' participation as it ensures that they can have timely discussions about the ways in which their diocesan confirmation experience relates to their congregational and individual journeys. For more information about these retreats please contact *Kaileen Alston, Diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*, at (973) 430-9991 or kalston@dioceseofnewark.org.