

Confirmation Preparation Team

The volunteers of St. Mary's Confirmation Prep Team help with two meetings of candidates and their parents, which are held about 3 months apart. The volunteers also phone candidates to remind them about the two meetings.

FIRST MEETING: An initial **one-hour meeting** is held with parents and candidates to begin preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. The content of this meeting is provided by the *Diocesan Youth Retreat Team*, a group that comes out from Calgary. The *Diocesan Team*



talks to the candidates about the requirements and activities they must undertake to get ready to be confirmed. St. Mary's Confirmation Prep Team helps to:

- organize the candidates for the activities of the meeting;
- assist candidates with a craft activity that is provided;
- assist with clean-up as needed.
- **NOTE:** No preparation/training is needed for our Prep Team volunteers because the *Diocesan Youth Team* leads the meeting and its activities.

Meanwhile, a presentation is being made to the parents by a *Diocesan Team* member to discuss the requirements of preparation and how parents can assist their children to be properly disposed to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

SECOND MEETING: A **retreat** for Confirmation candidates is held on a **Saturday** from 9:15 am to 2:30 pm prior to the celebration of the sacrament. The retreat is led once again by the *Diocesan Youth Retreat Team* but St. Mary's Confirmation Prep Team volunteers are needed to help as above. The last half hour of the retreat is a **rehearsal for parents and candidates**.

QUESTIONS: Contact Ken Hagel at KHagel@stmaryscochrane.ca or call the Parish Office at 932-2944.