

**St. Joseph Parish**  
**Office of Religious Education**

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Dear 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent,

Upon entering grade 9, your student will begin the first year of a two year Confirmation program. Both years are required *even for students attending Catholic high school* in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. During this time, your teen will begin exploring ways to deepen his or her faith and focusing on a personal relationship with Christ. A **required** component of the program is the Teen Encounter with Christ weekend retreat at St. Basil's in Methuen. The available dates for incoming 9<sup>th</sup> graders are:

November 18-20, 2011  
February 10-12, 2012  
March 23-25, 2012  
April 20-22, 2012

Please indicate your preferred date on the Teen Encounter registration and return it with your Religious Education registration. I have attached a packet with more detailed information regarding the retreat for your convenience. We, at St. Joseph Parish, thank you for your support in this important journey of faith formation for your child. Please do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions.

God bless,



Merry Nordeen  
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