



September 10, 2026

Dear Confirmation Families...

Welcome to **FIRE 1**. Fire is the 2 year faith formation process designed to prepare your child for the sacrament of Confirmation here at St. Brigid's.

This letter serves to inform you of some key information and dates so that you can plan accordingly.

Students will receive their group assignments and the **Catholic Youth Bible** at the **Opening Prayer Service on Thursday, September 17 at 7pm** in the Chapel at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School.

The **Catholic Youth Bible** will serve as our textbook for the entire 2 year process. Students must bring it with them each time we meet. Note: replacement of lost Catholic Youth Bibles will be the responsibility of the student and family.

Additionally, the students will have a **Confirmation Journal Workbook** that they must complete each year. These workbooks have been available for pickup at St. Anthony's Hall since July for those who wanted to get a headstart as has been communicated each week in our parish bulletin. Students who have not picked up a journal in advance of the first class on **Thursday, October 1** can request one from their Group Leader.

The activities in the Journal Workbook have detailed instructions, but they can ask me or their group leaders if there are any questions. The journals are a requirement and will be collected for review in the spring. It is recommended that students are actively working on completing in order to ensure completion. **Please take note of Section 5: Help For The Journey for the assigned scripture that is to be reviewed BEFORE each session. This will help facilitate dialogue in the small groups after the presentation.**

Our program relies on group presentation before students move to their small groups. **To be respectful to guest presenters and program dynamics, it is our goal to start sessions promptly at 7pm each week.** Please have your student signed in prior to that. Doors to the building will be open for entry no later than 6:45pm and will be locked after 7:15pm. Arrivals after 7:15pm will be considered an absence for that session.

Students who miss more than 2 sessions will need to repeat the level in the following school year. There will not be any make-up sessions. Families will be notified upon the second absence.

The complete outline, expectations, and requirements for FIRE is included in the Confirmation Journal Workbook where you can also find the full calendar for reference. The calendar is also included in this letter for your convenience. You can also view all of this information on our parish website.

In addition, we are following NY State guidance related to the use of cellphones during classes. Please ensure that your child is aware that cell phone/technology use during classes is only acceptable at the direction of their Faith Mentor/Group Leader.

Our first **Parent Meeting** is scheduled for **Monday, October 19 at 7pm** in the Chapel at St. Brigid/Our Lady of Hope Regional School. Attendance at this meeting is required for all parents/guardians.

It is a sacred privilege to be able to journey with your child and your families. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns you may have.

Peaceful steps...

Vince Buzzeo

Director of Confirmation Preparation



FIRE Year 1 - 2026-2027 Calendar

September 17 - Opening Prayer Service For Students & Families, 7pm

Student Sessions:

October 1, 15, and 29, 7pm
November 12, 7pm
December 3 and 17, 7pm
January 14 and 28, 7pm
February 9, 7pm (Note: This is a TUESDAY)
March 4 and 18, 7pm
April 1, 15, and 29, 7pm

Other Dates/Events:

October 19 - Parent Meeting, 7pm
January 11 - Parent Meeting, 7pm
March 8 or March 9, Student & Parents Reconciliation, 7pm (**Church**) - Groups to be assigned
April 19 - Parent Meeting, 7pm