

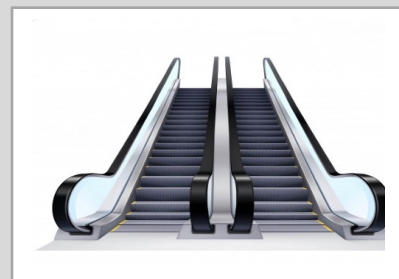
FAITH FORMATION GROWING IN LOVE & KNOWLEDGE OF OUR FAITH

Up the down escalator ...

REFLECTIONS ON LIVING OUT YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH BY BISHOP QUINN

In a recent homily by Bishop Quinn, at the Rite of Candidacy Mass for our parish seminarian, Isaiah Olsem, living a life as a faithful Catholic is a lot like trying to run up the down escalator. Bishop Quinn called to mind his nephew, as a young boy, trying to run up the down escalator at the local mall. Running against the tide of people traveling downward, his nephew was determined to reach the top; despite the people "in his way" The culture today can be compared a bit to this 'tide' and determination to go one way. There are many challenges for those trying to live a life that goes 'against the tide' of popular public opinion. When The Church teaches that marriage is between a man and a woman; or that gender is not something that is fluid, you may be frowned upon and mocked. More and more, being a faithful Catholic will be like trying to make your way past "the crowd" on the downward elevator. You might be forced to fight against the tide of the culture ... But do NOT be afraid to persevere ~ The Prize' at the top of the escalator is worth the risks!

Check out Bishop Quinns' great homily at: <https://cathedralwinona.org>
(Scroll down to the "Cathedral livestream" link: August 21, 202: Reception into Candidacy)



Release Time Update

WE ARE STILL IN NEED OF TEACHERS!

If someone has reached out to you asking if you'd consider teaching this year; think of it as a call from the Holy Spirit! It means that others see in you a gift for sharing the faith with our children - Don't underestimate yourself!

Please be giving this request serious thought and prayer!

Still needed are teachers for 5th & 6th grade at the Elementary level and 8th, 9th and 10th in the High School.

Elementary Release begins

MONDAY, SEPT. 20
2- 3 p.m. at St. Gabriel School

High School Release begins

THURSDAY, OCT. 28
1st & 2nd hour (8:05 – 9:44)
St. Gabriel School

Busing to and from Release will be provided

Forms for registering your student(s) for classes are available in the back of church of the Faith Formation table and also over at the Education center and on our triparish website:

www.triparishcfw.org

Please return your forms, along with registration fees, prior to the start of Release Time.

Important dates for Confirmation Candidates

As we head into fall; it's the time when a year's worth of learning and spiritual growth come together for those students preparing for Confirmation.

CONFIRMATION IS OCT. 10 AT ST. ANN, SLAYTON

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Sunday, Sept. 19 *Assist at Harvest Festival*
STUDENTS ONLY
3:30 – 6 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept 22 *Final large group session*
STUDENTS & SPONSORS
7 p.m. at St. Anthony's in Westbrook
TIME & TALENT PROJECT PRESENTATION DUE

Sunday, Sept. 26 *Confirmation Retreat*
STUDENTS ONLY
Time location to be announced

Sunday, Oct. 3. *Rite of Sending*
STUDENT & SPONSORS
8:30 a.m. at St. Gabriel

Sunday, Oct. 10 *Confirmation Day!*
St. Ann's/Slayton

ATTENTION SOPHOMORES; Be on the lookout for important Confirmation preparation announcements in the weeks ahead. This is the time to be prayerfully discerning the call to receive the POWER of the Holy Spirit in this Sacrament of Initiation.