Dear Parents, Guardians & Confirmation Candidates,

**Confirmation Preparation has already begun with a kick-off retreat! But it is not too late to register for Confirmation 2018. Please do so as soon as possible!!!**

Preparation will once again involve candidates from the entire North Bay region. This is a great opportunity for you to meet other young people who are also preparing for their Confirmation and who will be celebrating the Sacrament along with you.

We wish to congratulate you on taking this big step in your faith journey. Confirmation is a special time for a young person to commit to their faith and experience the Holy Spirit in their life. It is a sacrament that continues the welcoming and the belonging that began with Baptism and which continues with the celebration of Eucharist. We are hoping our Confirmation preparation will not only prepare you for the Sacrament of Confirmation, but will be a fun experience, that will help build new friendships, spark different interests and present personal challenges.

**Please note that in requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation it is presumed that you are in Grade 7 or 8 (or older) and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, First Reconciliation and First Eucharist.**

**If you are missing one or more of these sacraments, call your parish office as soon as possible.**

**To Register for Confirmation visit our website: procathedral.ca**

**Under SACRAMENTS click on CONFIRMATION then CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION**

**Two gatherings have already taken place including our retreat! Register soon so you don't miss any of the following preparation dates!**

| DATE | TIME | LOCATION |
|---|---|---|
| FRI DEC 1 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H SCHOOL |
| FRI JAN 12 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H. SCHOOL |
| FRI FEB 2 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H. SCHOOL |
| FRI MAR 2 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H. SCHOOL |
| FRI APR 6 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H. SCHOOL |
| FRI MAY 4 | 6:30-9:00 PM | S.J.S.H. SCHOOL |
| WED MAY 9 | 6:30—8:00 PM | PRO-CATHEDRAL **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE** |
| SAT MAY 12 | 10:00 AM | PRO-CATHEDRAL **CONFIRMATION CELEBRATION** |

**IF YOUR CHILD WILL BE CELEBRATING CONFIRMATION THIS YEAR YOU MUST REGISTER SOON!!**



**PREPARATION HAS ALREADY BEGUN!**

**READ THIS FOR MORE DETAILS**





# ADVENT

## Longing, Watching, Waiting for the Kingdom In Joyful Hope

***Light is the most powerful symbol of the Advent season. For the four weeks before Christmas, the people of God wait in prayerful hope for the dawning of the Messiah, the Perfect Light to burn away the darkness of sin and alienation. The lights of Christmas trees and decorations should remind us that Christ is God's light to the world, shattering the darkness of mistrust and misunderstanding.***

Advent is a blended season, a mixture of hope, repentance and joy. We know that Christ has already come, establishing his Kingdom through his life, death and resurrection. But Christ will come again in glory to establish his kingdom in its fullness, and for this we will long. Meanwhile, Christ comes to all who are willing to make a place for him in their hearts. Waiting is essential to the spiritual life. But waiting as a disciple of Jesus is not an empty waiting. It is a waiting with a promise in our hearts that makes already present what we are waiting for. Easter for the coming of the Spirit, and after the Ascension of Jesus we wait for his coming again in glory. We are always waiting, but it is a waiting in the conviction that we have already seen God's footsteps. ***Lord, by your grace may I learn the art of waiting for you and your gifts with an eager and joyful heart.***

# discovering

# Christ

## Starting January 20th @ 9am

We are happy to announce that a new session of Discovering Christ will begin on Saturday January 20th @ 9am at the Pro-Cathedral.

Over the past year, over 300 people took part in this eight-week life changing program that helps strengthen your relationship with God.

Enjoy a free and delicious breakfast each Saturday, watch a short video, and join in small group discussion as we explore the meaning of life and the identity of Jesus Christ.

Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket, or register online at:

**http://christlifenorthbay.org**

We are working to provide childcare options for families. We will be in touch should you need these services.





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First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Will you be attending with children? Yes ____ No ____ Ages: _____

Would you like to be seated with a spouse / friend? Please specify their names below.