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Congratulations to Our Young People Who Received the Sacrament of Confirmation April 19, 2013

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Note from the Pastor



An Open Letter to Our Confirmandi

My Dear Young Sisters and Brothers,

Good God, you're growing up! Now, how did that happen? When I arrived at Mary Queen five years ago you were little third graders having just made your First Holy Communion the year before. And now look at you. You're all grown up (sort of).

A year or two or so ago, you all hit puberty and everything began to change. Physically there were some serious changes. (I hit puberty in fifth grade and can remember my teacher saying, "Tony, you forgot your books. Tony, you forgot your pencils. Tony, you forgot to shave.") The most important changes, however, are not on the outside but on the inside. Prior to your physically maturing, you saw yourself as part of your family. Home was... well... home. It is where everything happened. It was your place of security, nourishment, love (you may not be aware of it at this moment but let me tell you unequivocally how much your parents and grandparents love you) and most important of all, your identity. You saw yourself not so much as an individual but as a member of this wonderful little unit, your family. Your primary relationships were with your mother, your father and (for better or worse) your brothers and sisters.

But that's all changing. All of a sudden you begin to see yourself as a separate, individual, unique human being. You are truly one of a kind and God made you to be you and only you (not your mother, or your father, or, God forbid, your brothers or sisters).

Now, to become this special individual you begin to leave home. Oh, you still will grab food from the fridge every day in between basketball practice, flute lessons and texting your girlfriend. Oh, you'll still sleep in that same bed but now that cell phone will be on all night just in case that very important person decides to send you a 3:00 a.m. text and, God forbid, you don't answer. While you may physically still live in your house with your parents and siblings, most of your attention is on your peers, your classmates.

How am I doing? How am I looking in their eyes? Do they like me? Do I like myself (ah, there's the rub)? Paradoxically, in becoming the individual you so strongly want to be you give up your individuality and shift the locus of power now from your parents and family to your peers. You are now exchanging an unconditional relationship with your mother and father for one that is very contingent, depending moment from moment on how you respond to all the social cues coming from other teenagers. Add to this an explosion of hormones and your wonderful adolescent life becomes one wild roller coaster.

One moment you are on the top of the world and the next moment you are in the depths of self-pity. In the process of becoming a conscious individual you have become incredibly self-conscious. You are in one wild and crazy time! You are going through your last great brain spurt and you will find yourself taking in ideas and concepts that you didn't even know existed two years ago. At one moment you will sound like a little Einstein, and at the next you will be talking trash. In one moment you are able to make a brilliant, mature decision and in the next you will do something so stupid you want to die (but you won't). Ah, adolescence.

The child becomes an adolescent when she stops asking her parents where she came from and starts telling them where to go. Adolescent means that you are growing, are in the process now of becoming an adult (the word 'adult' is hidden somewhere in adolescence, it's just hard to find). You are on the road to maturity and, not to worry, every step towards maturity by definition is immature. That's part of the deal. There is no instant maturity, instant adulthood. I know people in their 50's still working on it.

So, what does all of this have to do with my Confirmation? Everything! Adolescence is all about finding your True Self, your deepest and truest identity. That was unveiled for you tonight! At your Confirmation! When the Bishop put the Sacred Chrism on your forehead and named you, he didn't only name you the saint you chose, he gave you your deepest and most secret name, your most profound identity... as a child of God.

Your life is all about relationships. All of life is about relationships. Right now you are trying on a hundred different faces, and scores of different relationships. Some will be exhilarating, some will be disastrous. (Some will be first exhilarating and <u>then</u> disastrous.) But there is one that will never change. It

Note from the Pastor (Cont.)

is in you. It is you. It is the relationship between you and the Divine, between you and God. Today you were given your truest and deepest identity; that of a daughter, that of a son. And it is without condition. If you think your parents love unconditionally, wait until you experience how God loves you. My prayer is that you give Him a chance to relate to you, to experience the depth of His love, His security, His identity in you.

So, you are leaving home. Of course, you will still be living in your house for a long, long time (you had better move out by 30, though). As you leave your little domestic world, don't go alone. Bring the most important relationship with you everywhere you go. Truth is, you can't go anywhere without this relationship. Truth is, buried deep inside of you is the Christ who loves you. Truth is, there is not a more important relationship than that between you and your God. And tonight that has been sealed in you. Your holy work is to see it, know it, embrace it and say to it, "Amen." Wherever you lead me, I will go because you lead me to only one thing: Life! The fullness of Life.

In the Christ, Your Fullest and Deepest Identity,



Parish News



FELLOWSHIP SUNDAY ON APRIL 21

•Ilowship Fellowship Sunday will be held on Sunday, April 21 immediately following the 10:30 a.m. Mass. Fellowship this month is hosted by the "Ushers". Everyone is invited to Barrett Hall for coffee, tea, juice and goodies. Bring your family and enjoy conversing with friends and fellow parishioners while sampling the delicious donated breakfast items.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed to help on Sunday, April 28 at 6:00 a.m. at the Salvation Army in Oakbrook Terrace. Please contact Debbie Styka at (630) 941-7224 or by email at **debbie@styka.com**.

Parish Calendar



CALENDAR OF EVENTS APRIL 21 - APRIL 28

l in Conf. Room

l in Room 9-10

Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Fellowship in Barrett Hall 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Baptisms in Church 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m. Youth Group Wings in Barrett Hall

Monday, April 22, 2013

8:30 a.m. MQH Mass 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Business Networking Group in Social Hall 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Parish Council in Rectory

Tuesday, April 23, 2013

3:30 a.m.	MQH Mass
9:30 a.m 11:00 a.m.	Gospel John Part II in Conf.
5:30 p.m 9:00 p.m.	CRHP (Women) in Room 13
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7:30 p.m 9:30 p.m.	CCW in Conf. Room

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

MQH Mass
Last Day of RE Classes (Food Drive)
Large Group 1st Communion Practice
Gospel John Part II in Room 9-10

Thursday, April 25, 2013 8:30 a.m. **MQH** Mass

Friday, April 26, 2013 Bulletin Deadline May 5, 2013 8:30 a.m.

Communion Service

Saturday, April 27, 2013 Walk-In Ministry Food Drive 11:00 a.m. 3:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.

Large Group 1st Communion Confessions MQH Mass (Small Group 1st Communion)

Sunday, April 28, 2013 Walk-In Ministry Food Drive 8:30 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. MQH Mass 10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. Children's Liturgy of the Word in Room 2-3



FOOD COLLECTION!

The Food Collection for the Immaculate Conception/Walk-In Food Pantry will take place the weekend of April 27 and 28. Items needed include canned fruit,

vegetables, soup, prepared food, peanut butter, jelly, pasta and spaghetti sauce, baking items, toilet tissue, paper towels, kleenex, coffee, tea, juice, personal items i.e. bar soap, shampoo, deodorant and tooth paste. Baking items are also appreciated.

Religious Education News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

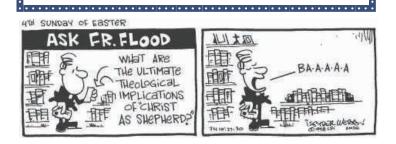
Our last RE session of this year is April 24. Thank you to all of our families for their continued support throughout the year. Please pray about how you can help in our program in the fall. As always, we have some catechist and aide spots to fill. The faith formation of our children is in your hands. We cannot do it without you.

Please mark your calendars:

- Wednesday, April 24 Last RE class All school food drive during session 3.
- Saturday, April 27 Large Group First Communion at 11:00 a.m. Small Group First Communion at 4:30 p.m.
- Saturday, May 4 Second Large Group First Communion at 11:00 a.m.

Registration for the 2012-2013 session is in progress. If you did not receive an RE registration in the mail, please call the RE office. Our classes fill up quickly and there is a limited amount of space. Just a reminder, registration in the RE program is limited to registered participating members of Mary Queen Parish.

For more information on any of the above, please contact the REO, (630) 832-8962 or email at mqhmawoods@sbcglobal.net.



Diocesan News



April is national **Child Abuse Prevention Month**, appropriately during the Easter season. There is no better time than Easter to celebrate the protection of our most valuable gift from God – our children.

The Diocese of Joliet has asked that we share with you **Ten Points for Protecting Children.** Today we are sharing the ninth and tenth of these ten points.

- 9. People can be taught to identify grooming behavior. These are the actions which abusers take to project the image that they are kind, generous, caring people, while their intent is to lure a minor into an inappropriate relationship. An abuser may develop a relationship with the family to increase his/her credibility. Abusers might show attention to the child by talking to him/her, being friendly, sharing alcohol with a minor and giving the child "status" by insinuating that the child is their favorite or "special person." Offenders can be patient and may "groom" their victim, his or her family, or community for years.
- 10. **Background checks work.** Background checks in churches, schools and other organizations keep predators away from children both because they scare off some predators and because they uncover past actions which should ban an adult from working or volunteering with children. If an adult has had difficulty with some boundaries that society sets, such as not driving while intoxicated or not disturbing the public peace, he or she may have difficulties with other boundaries, such as not hurting a child. Never forget that offenders lie.

On **Friday April 26, 2013**, the Diocese of Joliet offers the day as a day of prayer and fasting for all who have been impacted by this type of tragedy.

Child Abuse Prevention Blessing

Dear Lord, We ask You to bless these Your holy people who have participated in the Church's efforts to help stop child sexual abuse. Open their hearts to Your call to be the "ears, eyes and voice of children and young people" everywhere. Give them the vision and grace needed to fulfill the special commitments that each of them has made to making their homes, churches, schools, communities and world a safer place for all God's Children. Amen

CCW MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTE

The CCW's Respect Life Committee at Mary Queen of Heaven will be accepting \$1.00 donations for the remembrance of mothers, grandmothers, sisters, aunts, cousins, loved ones and friends. All proceeds will go to Women's Choice Services. Carnations will be placed at the Statue in Mary's Gathering Place, and all names will be published and distributed during Mother's Day weekend. If you would like to honor the nurturing women in your life, living or deceased, this is a lovely way to show your appreciation.

To participate, you may fill out the form below and bring it with you the weekend of April 20/21 and 27/28 along with your payment. As in past years, the Council of Catholic Women's Respect Life Committee is sponsoring this meaningful event. Names must be submitted by April 28 after the 10:30 a.m. Mass because of printer deadlines.

Mother's Day Tribute Order Form Donation per name is \$1.00

Name: Please Print (Last Name, First Name)		eck † Deceased	Your Phone Number
Last Name First Please	Living	†	

S/	MINISTRY SCHEDULE SATURDAY, APRIL 27 SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 2013		
	4:30 PM	8:30 AM	10:30 AM
Presider	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta	Fr. Taschetta
Lector	D. Novar A. Novar	K. Sutkus	P. Reynertson
Eucharistic Ministers	K. Diggins (S) B. Eadon (C) B. Lawlor G. Los R. Melendez S. Pingitore T. Sabel	n (C) M. Grozik (S) W. Bonfigl J. Lewand (C) M. Fielding T. Nanak K. Gusloff ndez N. Williamson D. Justus D. Bernstein D. Justus	T. Gusloff D. Justus
Altar Servers	C. Letourneau J. Nosek N. Anderson	J. Reginelli D. Dunn E. Fahey	J. Vosicky P. Vosicky E. Foley

Church Support		
Collection Totals for: Sunday, April 14, 2013		
Adults	\$8,008.83	
Parish Pay	\$4,347.51	
Children	\$32.64	
Collection Total	\$12,388.98	
193 parishioner envelopes were used		

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> Thank you for your continued kindness and generosity.



Sunday, April 21, 2013

8:30 a.m. † Della Rose Schroedl 10:30 a.m. † James Graham

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- Monday, April 22, 2013 8:30 a.m. People of Mary Queen

Tuesday, April 23, 2013 8:30 a.m. † Bill Sherlock

- Wednesday, April 24, 2013 8:30 a.m. Rev. John Barrett
- Thursday, April 25, 2013 8:30 a.m. Andrew Fant
- Friday, April 26, 2013 8:30 a.m. Communion Service
- Saturday, April 27, 2013 4:30 p.m. † Bill Sherlock

Sunday, April 28, 2013

8:30 a.m. † John Brennan 10:30 a.m. † Brenda Scanlon

† indicates person is deceased

Readings for the Week of April 21, 2013

Sunday:	Acts 13:14, 43-52/Rv 7:9, 14b-17/
	Jn 10:27-30
Monday:	Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10
Tuesday:	Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30
Wednesday:	Acts 12:2413:5a/Jn 12:44-50
Thursday:	1 Pt 5:5b-14/Mk 16:15-20
Friday:	Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6
Saturday:	Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Next Sunday:	Acts 14:21-27/Rv 21:1-5a/
	Jn 13:31-33a, 34-35

Preschool News



MARY QUEEN OF HEAVEN PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN ENRICHMENT

Become a part of our growing school! Schedule a visit, meet the teachers, and see the classrooms. There are openings in the Kindergarten Enrichment Program and we have begun a wait list for the Preschool. Come visit us!

For additional information please contact : Mrs. Genet Pinkerton,

Director, Mary Queen of Heaven Preschool (630) 833-9500 mqhpreschool@maryqueen.org www.maryqueenpresschool.org

CCW Spring Plant Sale	6" Pots - \$6.25 each (Circle color)
Orders due by Sunday, May 5	Coleus (Various Color Foliage)
Pick-up on Saturday, May 11 at 11:00 a.m.	Fuchsia (Pink/White/Purple)
Check to: Mary Queen of Heaven CCW	Geraniums (Red Pink White Salmon
(must accompany order)	Fuchsia Lavender)
-	(Please Specify lvy or Zonal)
Questions? Call Sheila (833-6657), Phylis (279-6239)	New Guinea Impatiens (Red Pink White
or Mary (833-9809)	Salmon Fuchsia Lavender)
Name	
	Total Plants @ \$6.25 =
Phone number	
	7½" Pots - \$9.50 each
4½" Pots - \$2.25 each	(Circle color) Geraniums (Red Pink White Salmon
(Circle color) Coleus(Various Colors)	Fuchsia Lavender)
Vinca Vine	(Please Specify Ivy or Zonal)
	(Flease Specify Wy of Zolidi)
Dusty Miller	
Wax Begonias (Red,	Total Plants @ \$9.50 =
Darker Leaf available in Pink, White or Red)	10" Hanging Baskets - \$16.00 each
Total Plants @ \$2.25 =	(Circle color)
4½" Pots - \$2.50 each	
(Circle Color)	Bacopa (White)
Bacopa (White)	Calibrachoa Million Bells (Asst. Colors)
Lobelia (Blue, White, Light Blue)	Fuchsia (Pink/White/Purple)
Calibrachoa Million Bells	Geraniums (Red Pink White Salmon Fuchsia
(Yellow, Blue, Peach, Purple, Pink, Red and White)	Lavender)
Lysimachia (Creeping Jenny)	Ivy Geraniums (Coral, Red, Pink, Lavender)
Helichrysum (lcicle or Licorice)	Lantana (Orange, Pink, Yellow, variegated)
Red Rubrum Grass	Mixed Hanging Basket
Lantana (Yellow, Pink, Red and Variegated)	Supertunia (Blue, pink, lavender, red, variegated)
Verbena Tukana (Red, Pink, Purple, White)	
Supertunia (Blue, Red, Pink, Purple or Variegated)	
(Specify Mounted or Trailing)	Total Baskets @ \$16.00 =
Spike	
Total Plants @ \$2.50 =	12" Decorative Tub - \$25.00 each (Circle color)
4½" Pots - \$2.75 each	Geraniums (Red Pink White Salmon Fuchsia)
(Circle color)	New Guinea Impatiens (Red Pink White Salmon
Geraniums (Please Specify lvy or Zonal)	Fuchsia Lavender)
(Red Pink White Salmon Fuchsia)	Rieger Begonias
New Guinea Impatiens (Red Pink White Purple	(Red, Pink, Yellow, Orange, White)
Salmon Fuchsia Lavender)	Mixed Patio Gardens (assorted annuals)
Tuberous Begonia (Red Pink Yellow	
Orange White)	Total Tubs @ \$25.00 =
Total Plants @ \$2.75 =	

