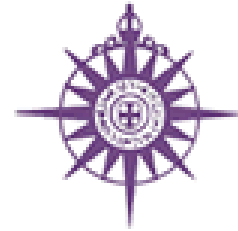
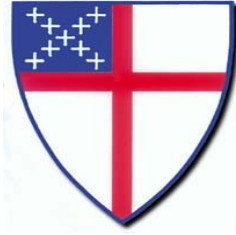


Confirmation Preparation Retreats



FOR: The Bishop strongly urges *EVERYONE* preparing for Confirmation, Reception or Reaffirmation of their baptismal vows this year to attend one of these Retreats. *YOUTH* will attend an overnight retreat from Friday evening to Saturday afternoon. *ADULTS* will have their own 90 minute session with the Bishop on the Saturday afternoon of the retreat.

DATES & LOCATIONS: Confirmation Retreats begin on Friday evening at 7PM and end at 2PM on Saturday afternoon. Congregations are assigned to retreats based on the dates on which they are being confirmed. If your assigned date is inconvenient you may attend on a different date. The assignments are as follows:

Retreat Date	March 1-2, 2013	March 15-16, 2013	April 12-13, 2013
Retreat Location	St. James' Church, 581 Valley Rd., Upper Montclair	Christ Church, 400 Ramapo Ave., Pompton Lakes	St. Elizabeth's Church, 169 Fairmount Rd., Ridgewood
Districts Assigned	1, 5, 6 & 8	2, 4 & 9	3, 7 & 10
Early Bird Registration Deadline ¹	February 1, 2013	February 15, 2013	March 15, 2013
Early Bird Registration Fees	Youth Candidates: \$33 Chaperones: \$18 Adult Candidates: \$10	Youth Candidates: \$33 Chaperones: \$18 Adult Candidates: \$10	Youth Candidates: \$33 Chaperones: \$18 Adult Candidates: \$10
General Registration Deadline ²	February 22, 2013	March 8, 2013	April 5, 2013
General Registration Fees	Youth Candidates: \$45 Chaperones: \$27 Adult Candidates: \$20	Youth Candidates: \$45 Chaperones: \$27 Adult Candidates: \$20	Youth Candidates: \$45 Chaperones: \$27 Adult Candidates: \$20

¹ Registration fees are discounted through the early bird registration deadlines. After those dates the general registration fees apply.

² The general registration deadline is the *absolute* deadline. *We cannot accept any walk-ins or other registrations after that deadline.*

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REGISTRATION & COST

Registration forms are available on the diocesan website at <http://www.dioceseofnewark.org/confirmation>. They may be completed online or sent in on paper. They must, however, be received by the deadlines listed on the chart above.

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Adults who will be confirmed, received or reaffirmed will have lunch together and meet with the Bishop as a group to discuss their respective faith journeys and explore what it means to be an Episcopalian.

Likewise, youth will enjoy time with their peers and the Bishop. They'll also explore the ways in which their membership in the Anglican Communion makes them part of a church that is much bigger than their own congregations and learn about ministry opportunities for young people in this Diocese! We ask the congregations' confirmation teachers to chaperone this retreat in a ratio of 1 adult for every 5-7 youth. This facilitates the youths' participation as it ensures that they can have timely discussions about the ways in which their diocesan confirmation experience relates to their congregational and individual journeys. All chaperones must have completed the FREE *Safeguarding God's Children* training within the last 5 years. For more information about these retreats or the *Safeguarding God's Children* training please contact *Kaileen Alston, Diocesan Director of Youth & Young Adult Ministries*, at (973) 430-9991 or kalston@dioceseofnewark.org.