



Confirmation Calendar 2016

We have an exciting new confirmation preparation program this year, *Called to Mercy: Confirming Young People for a Mission of Witness*. This program focuses on the teaching of Jesus and the Church's mission of mercy, inviting them into a spiritual conversion—into an encounter of understanding what it means to be a person of mercy—and more deeply into a community that is a witness of God's mercy in the world. *Called to Mercy* combines the best of all learning experiences and opportunities, tapping the strength and appeal of online learning with the power of interspersed, 5 gathered, face-to-face sessions. Online learning modules and gathered community-building sessions offer engaging, relevant, and deeply reflective opportunities for a true spiritual conversion to lives that give witness to Jesus' call and the Church's mission of mercy.

Due to the unique structure of this year's program, attendance at *all* gathered sessions is required.

1st Gathered Session, **August 28, 2016**: Orientation and Retreat, 8:45 – 3:00

Attend 8:45 Mass

Orientation begins after Mass

Retreat begins after Orientation

Retreat ends at 3:00

2nd Gathered Session, **October 2, 2016**, 10:00 – 11:30 location TBA

3rd Gathered Session, **October 30, 2016**, 10:00 – 11:30 location TBA

4th Gathered Session, **December 4, 2016**, 10:00 – 11:30, location TBA

5th Gathered Session, **December 11, 2016**, 10:00 – 11:30, location TBA

**Confirmation Mass with Bishop Joe Vasquez
Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.**

Please plan to be at St. Austin with your confirmand and their sponsor by 6:15 p.m.