

THE SPIRIT TO SOAR!



Confirmation mass Sunday 14th August 2022 took off with an atmosphere of lively expectation whilst 22 candidates, their sponsors and their families soared through the celebration on 'eagle's wings,' carried by the word of God and the spirit of Christ which united the congregation.

The Candidates participated proudly, declaring their faith in Christ and his Church with confidence.

The families' approach to Fr Joe, the teachers and myself afterwards expressed the same feeling of a warm and welcoming climate whereby whatever nerves which may have naturally been generated before the mass were promptly overcome from the beginning of the celebration.

Fr Joe provided an inspiring homily for all. It was clear that the aim was to encourage the candidates in their future endeavours to live the word of God, recognising that whilst mistakes and weaknesses are a natural part of our humanity, they have the ability to draw strength from their chosen 'Superheroes' (Saints) and the Spirit of Christ who intervenes on their behalf. I am certain that his words were also an affirmation of the faith in family members and sponsors present on the day, triggering a joyful reminder of the day they were called by God and responded with a 'Yes.'

In particular were the ongoing expressions of gratitude for the nurturing of the sacraments that Fr Joe had provided throughout by making himself readily available to the needs of candidates, parents and teachers every Sunday throughout the program.



Despite the many hurdles to overcome with administration glitches and a much larger enrolment than initially anticipated, I was privileged to have worked with such a dedicated threesome of Sacramental Teachers. From Go to Woe, from enthusiastic planning of the program to implementation, they each displayed instant delight in the responsiveness and clear understanding of their students in the special Sacramental journal they had embarked on.

Their duties in the special gift of transmitting the faith to their students was always before them and on behalf of any other Parish witnesses, they did St Carthage's Parish Proud.

Lastly, a special thanks to St Carthage's choir who jazzed up the Confirmation celebration with their generous contribution. Contribute they did! In their usual spicing up of the eucharistic celebration, they indeed provided the music that is the echo of joy in our hearts and made all guests feel welcomed and special.



Once again, congratulations to all Confirmation Candidates. We pray that the reminder of God's love, His untiring forgiveness and His call to each witness of his love to live life to the full may never be forgotten throughout their lives. May it inspire in them the joy of always seeking God's call for them in all they do.

With much Gratitude to God and the Sacramental Team He provided.

