

## **Confirmation Mentor Program Overview for Parents of Mentees**

As part of our two year Confirmation program, your son or daughter will soon be matched with a (same-gender) confirmation mentor. These mentors have been carefully chosen and matched with your child, screened and trained. Sarah Bocian and Jen Troutman meet with the mentors twice during the school year to continue conversations and strengthen the role the mentors play in our program. Mentors and mentees will meet during confirmation classes six times throughout the school year. Mentors might also reach out to their mentees during the year in other ways by inviting them to a church activity or supporting their mentee in a school or local activity. It is completely up to the mentor and mentee, along with their family, how much the relationship develops and evolves. Below you will find the mission, goals and objectives of the program. We have received wonderful feedback on the program thus far and we hope that your child will have a great experience. If you have any questions or concerns along the way, please do not hesitate to contact Pastor Alina. There will be a meet and greet soon for the parents, students and mentors to become acquainted.

### **The Mission**

- To increase how valued and connected to the congregation the youth feel.

### **The Goals**

- To increase our youth's desire to continue participating in the life of the church after confirmation.
- To further engage the adult members of our congregation with the youth and to foster positive relationships for both mentors and students.

### **The Objectives**

- Transfer student's connection with the church from the "Sunday School" realm to the congregation at large.
- Students feel they will be "missed" if they are not at church due to the connections among the congregation they feel.
- Students explore how others have chosen to live out their faith and use this information to gain perspective what their family's faith life is like, and what shape they want their faith life to take.
- Students grow in their understanding of how the development of their faith is a life long journey that will involve many changes in direction as they mature in their self-awareness.