

Overview of Confirmation Program

Sponsor:

- At least 16 years old
- Active, participating member of their parish
- Able to guide the candidate on their faith journey
- Able to guide the candidate into active participation in the parish
- Strongly recommended member of St. Jude Parish
- Meet regularly with candidate to discuss preparation and answer questions

2 Letters to Fr. Charlie Burton:

- Each candidate is required to write a letter to Fr. Charlie Burton requesting to be enrolled in the preparation process for Confirmation.
- The candidate's sponsor is required to write a letter to Fr. Charlie Burton, informing Father of their relationship, commitment to help candidate prepare and commitment to daily prayer for the candidate.
- These letters are to be turned in ONLY to Kevin & Stephanie Gabor at the Opening Retreat on Saturday, January 22nd

Opening Retreat:

- *Attendance is required!*
- Time for candidates, small groups and team leaders to bond.
- Saturday, January 22nd from 10:00am until 6:00pm in FLC

Covenant Ritual & Evening of Reflection:

- Mass 5:30pm on Sunday
- Celebrates the candidate's decision to continue their journey of faith toward Confirmation by signing their names in the Book of Disciples.
- Sponsors attend this ritual and Evening of Reflection afterward with candidate.
- Dress is nice church clothes, no jeans, shorts, spaghetti strap shirts or t-shirts

Sessions & Texts:

- **Please refer to the schedule for exact dates and locations**
- Classes are held in the Harwood Room in the FLC and begin at 6:30pm and end at 8:45pm in the Church, unless otherwise noted.
- Catholic Youth Bible and Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth, both published by St. Mary's Press.
- Parents help with food for classes by either donating \$20 per student or providing drinks & dessert for classes.

Interviews:

- Interview prior to Confirmation Retreat, discuss candidate's readiness for Confirmation

Confirmation Name Report:

- Candidate chooses a name to take at Confirmation
- Can be baptismal name or a patron saint
- Explain what name is chosen and why
- Due at class on Sunday, March 27th

Service Projects:

- Participation in a parish service project with class – opportunities to sign up for projects will be given in class
- Participation in a community service project with class – opportunities to sign up for projects will be given in class.
- 4 hours of family service, these are hours separate from any “chores” you do on a regular basis.
- This is to be separate from any service hours currently being done for school credit.
- Service forms are due at class on Sunday, April 3rd or earlier.
- **DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE TO DO THESE HOURS, YOU HAVE AMPLE TIME TO COMPLETE THEM. YOU MAY START ON THESE BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN, JUST BE SURE TO DOCUMENT THEM ON A FORM.**

Letter to the Bishop:

- Each candidate is required to write a letter to our Bishop officially requesting to be confirmed.
- In this letter, the candidate can express any questions, thoughts or feelings about their preparation to the Bishop. It must also include a request to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Due at class on Sunday, March 27th.

Confirmation Retreat:

- *Attendance is required!*
- A Penance service and Mass will be on the weekend schedule.
- This is set for **Friday, April 8, 2011 until Sunday, April 10, 2011** at Johnston Woods Retreat Center in Cleveland, TN.
- Transportation to and from the retreat site will be provided.

Confirmation:

- Sunday, May 1, 2011 at 5:30 Mass
- Sponsors should attend.
- A reception will follow in the PLC.
- Dress for this occasion: Nice Dress clothes.

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