

CONFIRMATION 2023 (Year ONE) CALENDAR OF LESSONS '21 - '22

TEXT: *Called to Mercy* by Saint Mary's Press (Digital) & the *YOUCAT*

TOPIC: *Called to Mercy's* Confirmation curriculum combines the flexibility of digital learning with the power of community interaction. The result: 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.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Session Theme:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
9/14/21 & 9/15/21	Parent Orientation: On Zoom	-Discuss with parents the goals, objectives and expectations & familiarization with the preparation process
9/19/21	First Gathering Gathered Session One From Called To Mercy: Introductory/Overview	-Introduce the youth to our Confirmation preparation program and to provide all the information needed to sign up and begin the program. At the heart of the formation experience of this program are Jesus' teachings and the Church's call to live as people of mercy. All the online learning modules for this program lead down this path: to understand what it means to be a person of mercy and to commit our lives to living mercifully toward others.
10/10/21	Module 1: Nice to Meet You!	-Welcome & Express Yourself -What Matters to Me? & Whom Do You Enjoy? -Important to Me -Relationships Matter YOUCAT: Why We Are Able to Believe pg 14 I Believe In God The Father pg 30 -36 Prayer in Christian Life pg 258 - 263
11/14/21	Module 2: True Happiness	-Happiness or Pleasure? -True Happiness -Pope Francis' Top Ten List -The People in the Shadows YOUCAT: Dignity of the Human Person & Happiness pg 162 - 167
12/12/21	Module 3: The Gift of Happiness	-Strong Foundation -Courage to Do What's Right - It's a Gift -Gifts of the Holy Spirit -Strength of the Spirit YOUCAT: Dignity of the Human Person & Doing What's Right pg 168 – 179
1/23/22	Module 4: Doing What We Believe	- Confirmed for What? - Doing What You Believe -Who Inspires You -Jesus' Call to Live What We Believe -Who Models Faith for You? YOUCAT: The Sacrament of Confirmation pg 120 – 123 Human Community pg 180 - 189

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2/27/22	Module 5: Guides along the Way	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jesus, Our Ultimate - Other Guides for Our Journey - In Communion with the Saints - Without a Doubt <p>YOUCAT: I Believe in Jesus Christ pg 51 – 59 Communion of Saints pg 91 Saints and Prayer pg 272 - 273</p>
3/27/22	Service & Solidarity Retreat 2:00pm - 6:30pm	<p>The retreat focuses on the corporal works of mercy and allows the young people to reflect on a variety of service experiences.</p> <p><u>GOALS OF THE RETREAT:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Christian Service – making a plan to reach out to our community to serve the poor and vulnerable -Community Building - small group activities, challenges, Mass, & reflections -Personal Growth - simulation experience that will help students better understand and help the poor and marginalized in our world -Have Fun - icebreakers & activities
4/24/22	RITE OF ACCEPTANCE At the 5:30pm Mass	
5/15/22	Father John's 40th Anniversary Celebration	

June – August SUMMER BREAK

- 2022/2023 Schedule to be determined in Spring of 2022
- Exact date of Confirmation will be determined by the Bishop during late summer 2022.
- There will be a 2nd retreat experience during Year 2 that the candidates will be expected to attend.

****Candidates and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Youth & Family Mass being offered Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Groups will meet immediately following Mass until 8pm.**

Being on time is expected. Attendance is mandatory.