

Confirmation Orientation - September 10, 2017

Sunday, 5:30pm in the Fr. Amyot Parish Center.

All candidates and parents are required to attend

This is the outline for our Confirmation preparation at the Parish of the Visitation and St. Raymond. Those preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will begin in eighth grade and conclude in the ninth.

Expectations

Age: Confirmation sessions are open to students in the eighth grade or above.

Class Time: Sunday, 9:20-10:20am

Class Topics:

All 12 topics need to be completed prior to celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation. The first six topics; Life is Choices, What's Holding You Back, The Jesus Question, Prayer, The Bible, and Relationships will be covered in the eighth grade while the last six; The Eucharist, Holy Spirit, The Church, Confirmation, Made for Mission, and Holiness is Possible are covered in ninth grade.

Class Attendance Policy:

All sessions of each topic must be attended. Extenuating circumstances will be reviewed as necessary. Please contact the religious education director or teacher in the event of an absence.

Mass Attendance:

Weekend Mass attendance is required. If a student attends a Mass at another parish, a signed bulletin from that parish is required (Priest's and Deacons are more than willing to take the moment to do this). Part of your class material is connected to the Mass.

Ministry and Service:

Taking a Ministry and serving in the context of the faith community is required. (e.g., altar serving, assisting with the Liturgy of the Word for Children, ushers/collectors, and special events.) A discussion of these and other opportunities will take place. The Ministry you choose is to help you develop as an active and contributing faith member of our church community not only for now but for years to come.

Retreat:

A retreat experience is required. One will be offered each year and is required in the ninth grade prior to the Confirmation celebration.

Sponsor:

A Sponsor must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic over the age of 16. A parent cannot be a sponsor for his or her own child. If the sponsor is not from the candidate's home parish a sponsor certificate is needed. Sponsor forms are available at the rectory. Sponsors are encouraged to participate with the student throughout the 2 year program.

Parental Involvement:

Parents are required to attend (with their child) the orientation meeting for Confirmation students. At this time a "Certificate of Promise" will be shared and signed by all parties. Parents will attend 3 guidance sessions planned over the course of each year.

Proof of Baptism:

A copy of the Confirmation candidate's baptismal certificate must be submitted to the rectory if baptized in another parish. If baptized in our church please supply the date for us.

Interview:

Prior to Confirmation each candidate will have an interview with their priest or a member of the parish leadership team.

Confirmation:

Confirmation will be celebrated each Spring at the end of the candidate's two year program.