



June 3, 2019

Dear Parents of Rising 7th Grade Students,

Attached to this letter you will find information about our **Confirmation Preparation Program** at St. Pius X Catholic Church. *We begin preparation for this special sacrament in 7th grade, over the course of two years.* All rising 7th grade students who are seeking Confirmation in the spring of their 8th grade year are required to enroll in our parish sacramental preparation program this fall.

According to our diocesan guidelines for the Sacrament of Confirmation:

- The normative age for the celebration of Confirmation in our diocese is 14 years old, or 8th grade, and the preparation for the sacrament is usually a 2-year process, consisting of the following components: Word, Community, Worship, and Service.
- All students – whether enrolled in a Catholic school or not – prepare together for this sacrament. “All staff and students should be integrated fully into the unified educational ministry of the local Christian community. In parishes, this calls for efforts to draw together Faith Formation programs and the Catholic schools.”
- Because not all students in Catholic schools are seeking Confirmation, “the parishes are charged with the liturgical preparation and sacramental celebration of Confirmation. Pastors and parish catechetical leaders are to determine the appropriate preparation process for each candidate.”

Please review the program outline and calendar during the summer and plan on registering your son or daughter this August. *The Stewardship requirement for Service and Spiritual hours can be completed at any time throughout the year, beginning this summer!* See the handout for details about how to log hours.

Also, if you have a son or daughter that is not Catholic and would like to be Confirmed this year, or if your family would like more information about our RCIA program and becoming Catholic, please contact me.

In Christ,

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Confirmation-I

Curriculum: LifeTeen's Purpose

- This curriculum focuses on three big questions - "Why believe in God?" "Why trust Jesus?" and "Why belong to the Church?"
- It is designed to be kerygmatic with an emphasis on walking a teenager from an unfounded belief, or disbelief, in God toward a commitment to Jesus lived out through the Catholic Church.
- Each session is supplemented with videos and other resources that engage the hearts, minds, and humor of teenagers.
- Additional Features Include:
 - A dedicated *Purpose* App with calendar information, a communication platform, and curriculum contents such as ...
 - A lectionary-based discipleship bible study for every session called *Summit*, containing an outline for every Sunday of the liturgical year.
 - A *Story Guide* for Parents and Sponsors so they can follow along with the program.



Registration

- Registration Opens August 1. The information will be on our website.
- Registration Fee: **\$125 Early Bird** (\$135 after September 1)
- *Registration Fees are now all-inclusive. There will be no additional fees during the year for the Lock-In or the Retreat.*

Expectations

- Attendance at Preparation Sessions, Fall Retreat, and Spring Lock-In
- Maintain positive, safe, and orderly environment for optimal growth and learning. **The following discipline policy has been put in place and will be enforced by the adult leaders in Confirmation: 1) Verbal Warning, 2) Separated from Class, Student Apology, 3) Parent Notified. If any behavior issues persist, parents may be asked to attend future classes.*
- Parent Participation (Transportation to/from Retreats, Lock-In and Retreat Chaperones, Class Helpers, Snacks/Meals for Lock-In or Retreat, etc.)
- Completion of Stewardship Hours

Stewardship Hours

- **Service: 10 Hours** (That's just 1 hour per month – start in June!)
 - Anything you do in the service of others, without payment.
 - Examples: mow your elderly neighbor's lawn, help clean up after a parish event
- **Spiritual: 5 Hours** (That's just 30 minutes per month – start in June!)
 - Anything you do to deepen your relationship with Jesus Christ.
 - Examples: attend daily Mass, pray the Rosary, go to Adoration
- Altar Serving does not count for Stewardship or Spiritual Hours.

Homework

- There is no required homework for Confirmation-I. However, optional assignments will be given after each Session. (Completion of 3 Homework Assignments = 1 Spiritual Hour!)

Important Confirmation-I Dates

Sep. 8	Confirmation Parent & Teen Meeting 10:15 – 11:15 a.m. (Simmons Center) Youth Ministry & Faith Formation Kick-Off 5:00 – 7:00 p.m. (Cloister)
Sep. 22	Session 1: Beginnings (Introductory Parent and Teen Session) <i>*Baptismal Certificate Due – Please send in a <u>copy</u> on your first day of class.</i>
Oct. 6	Session 2: Seeking (What is Our Desire?)
Oct. 20	Session 3: Reasons (Faith and Reason)
Oct. 25 – 27	Fall Retreat (Merriwood Christian Camp in Clemmons, NC)
Nov. 3	Session 4: Reveal (Is God Real?)
Nov. 17	Session 5: Breath (Does a Relationship with God Matter?)
Dec. 8	Session 6: Brokenhearted (Why is There Evil and Suffering in Our World?)
Jan. 26	Session 7: Fault (Our Goodness and the Fall)
Feb. 9	Session 8: Prodigal (Why Believe in Jesus? The Incarnation)
Feb. 23	Session 9: More (Why Believe in Jesus? The Life of Christ)
Mar. 8	Session 10: New (Why Believe in Jesus? The Passion, Death, and Resurrection)
Mar. 22	Session 11: Transformation (The Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles)
Apr. 4	Lock-In (5:00 p.m. – 12:00 midnight)
Apr. 19	Stewardship Hours Due (MobileServe)
Apr. 26	Session 12: Foundation (Why Be a Part of the Catholic Church?)

How to Join CONF 2021 and Log Stewardship Hours on MobileServe

MobileServe is our tracking system for Stewardship Hours. It is currently accessible from any Internet connected device via App.MobileServe.org. You can also download the App, available for iPhone and Android devices.



Please complete these steps to track your hours!

1. Sign Up for MobileServe, enter your email address and create an account.
**If your child is under 13, there will be an email request sent for parent consent!*
2. Once you have created an account, affiliate yourself with our CONF 2021 group by entering the code: 3C6EEA
**This is the same group you will belong to for both your C-I and C-II years! You only need to join once.*
3. Start tracking your hours! Enter your hours, what organization or individual you served, and select either “Service” or “Spiritual.”
4. Have a supervising adult sign-off on your hours or email verify.

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