

COMPONENTS OF THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM GOALS

GOAL 1: The candidates will understand the role of the faith community in building a solid foundation for a lifelong journey of faith beginning at baptism and continuing throughout life. The Sacrament of Confirmation celebrates a specific moment in this experience.

10th GRADE RETREAT - Saturday, February 11, 2012/ 10:00 am– 5:00pm

- ◆ The retreat includes lunch, speakers, group discussions, activities.

SMALL GROUP SESSIONS– As scheduled on calendar

- ◆ See calendar.

LARGE GROUP SESSIONS – See Confirmation Calendar for details

- ◆ All 9th and 10th graders and catechists are expected to attend the large group sessions.

ATTENDANCE

- ◆ Contact Small Group Leader early if it is necessary to miss ANY small or large group session.

GOAL 2: To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus through an understanding of Jesus' message and mission in addition to who he was as a person.

SERVICE EXPERIENCE EXPECTATIONS

Each student should spend 4 hours in each of the four service-learning areas listed below:

- ◆ Community (food-shelf, baking treats, visiting at a nursing home, etc)
- ◆ With an adult confirmed member of your family or your Confirmation Sponsor
- ◆ Within the Parish (liturgical experience, visiting the homebound, July 4th, etc.)
- ◆ Individual project (babysitting for free, helping a neighbor, etc.)

Service Experience forms are available online at www.churchstjoseph.org/faithformation or in the Faith Formation Office. All forms for 10th Graders are due by the April 11 class.

GOAL 3: The candidates will recognize and appreciate the role and activity of the Holy Spirit in their life and in the life of the church.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

- ◆ 9th Grade sponsors due by December 21. (Forms will be given out in October.)
- ◆ 10th graders will meet with their sponsors four times during their 10th grade year.

GOAL 4: The candidates will develop an enhanced awareness of their personal gifts by understanding the Catholic responsibility to share those gifts within the faith community.

LITURGY

- ◆ 9th & 10th graders sign up to participate in one liturgy.
 - † 9th Grade families choose from a list of available masses to present the gifts.
 - † 10th Graders choose from a list of available liturgies to serve in a variety of roles.

TIME AND TALENT

- ◆ Students will identify their individual talents in their small group sessions.
- ◆ Students will be assisted in matching ministries within the parish with their talents.

GOAL 5: The candidates will accept the Rite of Confirmation for themselves; understanding the commitment to a faithful life of prayer, service, stewardship and learning, and celebrate their decision.

CONFIRMATION NAME

- ◆ 10th graders will select a Confirmation Name by March 14, 2012 (forms will be available in January).

BAPTISMAL CERTIFICATE

- ◆ Baptismal certificates are due no later than the December 21 for 10th graders.

LETTER TO BISHOP JOHN F. KINNEY AND FR. JOSEPH FEDERS, OSB

- ◆ Due on March 14, 2012, 10th Graders will express their desire to be confirmed. Information on this letter will be given out during January classes.

WELCOME AND ENROLLMENT RITUALS

- ◆ October 15/16, 2011: 9th Graders participate in Welcome Ritual during the weekend masses.
- ◆ October 29/30, 2011: 10th Graders participate in Enrollment Ritual during the weekend masses.