

CONFIRMATION 2012 (Year TWO) CALENDAR OF LESSONS '11 - '12

TEXT: Confirmed in a Faithful Community

TOPIC: The goal of our program is to help the candidates be receptive and responsive to the graces and challenges of the Sacrament of Confirmation. They will learn that it is a Sacrament of Initiation that deepens their relationship with the Church. They will become more aware of the presence and action of the Spirit and his gifts within them, which empower them to live as Jesus did. They will discover ways to fulfill the specific responsibilities that are theirs as Christians.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Session Theme:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
9/11/11	Orientation: Candidate/Parent Meeting	-Discuss with parents and candidates the goals, objectives and expectations
10/2/11 <i>Formation</i>	Sin: An Obstacle to the Reign of God <i>Formation Chap. 4 (pgs.126-138)</i>	-To provide the candidates with a mature, balanced, and realistic understanding of the nature of sin and its destructive power; To help the candidates evaluate contemporary culture in the context of their new understanding of sin and to help them reflect on how they might take action to counter the effects of cultural sin in the lives of young people.
11/20/11 <i>Formation</i>	Jesus Rejected: The Meaning of the Cross <i>Formation Chap. 6 (126-139)</i>	-To help the candidates explore the Passion and the death of Jesus and its profound meaning for the Christian faith; To review the implications of the death of Jesus in their lives; To reflect on the series of events surrounding the Passion and death of Jesus.
12/11/11 <i>Formation</i>	The Resurrection: God is Victorious! <i>Formation Chap. 7 (140-147)</i>	-To provide the candidates with a general understanding of the Key events following the death of Jesus – his Resurrection and Ascension; To invite the candidates to explore in greater depth The story of the Resurrection.

Retreat Permission Slips due to Catechists no later than 12/11/11.

Sponsor Forms due to Catechists no later than 12/11/11.

1/7/12 (Sat.): Confirmation Retreat with Justin Fatica at Assumption School.

9:30-4:00pm

1/29/12 <i>Formation</i>	Pentecost: Gift of the Spirit Victorious! <i>Formation Chap. 7 (140-147)</i>	-To help the candidates understand the Church as a community Of people who profess faith in the risen Jesus and his message and who, through the power of the Spirit, live in loving service to all people; To prepare for the transition from the period of formation to the period of reflection.
2/12/12 <i>Reflection</i>	Christian Morality: What Does Love Look Like? <i>Reflection Chap. 3 (pgs. 189-199)</i> Activities: Love is... & The Meaning Of Christian Love	-To help the candidates explore in greater depth the moral life That Jesus calls us to; explore with the candidates the concept of personal prayer in the life of the Christian; introduce them that to live a moral life is to respond to the Gospel mandate to love as Jesus loved.
3/4/12 <i>Reflection</i>	Christian Service: Witnessing to God's Justice. <i>Reflection Chap.4 (pgs. 200-210)</i>	-To invite the candidates to wrestle with the meaning of justice and identity obstacles that stand in the way of justice and fullness of God's Reign. Rite of Covenant celebrated at 5:30 Youth Mass.

Confirmation Name Forms due to Catechists no later than 3/4/12.

Service Hours Form due to Catechists no later than 3/4/12.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Session Theme:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
3/11/12 <i>Reflection</i>	Confirmation: Sealed with the Holy Spirit. <i>Reflection Chap. 8 (pgs. 242-253)</i> Activities: Embracing the Gifts of The Holy Spirit	-To explore the symbols of oil and the ritual gesture of laying on Of hands; deepen the candidates understanding of the activity of the Holy Spirit; familiarize the candidates with the seven gifts that to live a moral life is to respond to the Gospel mandate to of the Holy Spirit.
4/15/12	Confirmation Rehearsal (4:00-5:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm)	
4/21/12 (Sat.)	Confirmation (10:30am & 2:00 pm)	
5/20/12	End of the Year BBQ	

Candidates and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Youth & Family Mass offered Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Groups will meet immediately following Mass in the community room.

Being on time is expected. Attendance is mandatory