

Confirmation Year 2 Overview Fall 2009 through Spring 2010

September, 2009

September 21 (Monday), evening – Catechist meeting, downtown

Assign small groups

Review calendars for the year

Wednesday, 9/30 – Registration/ Information Night at the Westside, 7p

* Parents / Confirmandi strongly encouraged to attend.

- I. Introduction and Prayer – Dave Whitesell
- II. Confirmandi sign up for first and second choices
- III. Distribute lists of expectations (attached)
- IV. Announce the importance of choosing a sponsor, meeting regularly with the sponsor, the sponsor's role in the confirmation journey
- V. Purchase supplies: bible, catechism, curriculum
- VI. Important dates: large group meetings in October, March, and potential confirmation dates
- VII. Group activity
- VIII. Closing prayer

First classes to be held the week of 10/1 (Thursday)

- I. Introductions and Prayers – catechists
- II. Distribute list of dates, times, classes
- III. Distribute and review expectations: attendance, participation, small groups, large group meetings, retreats, community service hours (form attached), liturgical hours, LifeTeen attendance
- IV. Talk about sponsors
- V. Collect paperwork: baptismal certificates, names/addresses/phone numbers
- VI. Pre-test (Dave to have Father Jim review, Carol Shawver will revise), take, correct and collect; report how the small group did as a whole; keep the tests to compare with at the last session

October 2009

2 small group session

Holiday: Saturday, Oct. 31st – Halloween

November 2009

One small group sessions

* Choose Sponsor by end of month

Two holidays: Wed., 11/11 Veteran's Day

Thurs., 11/ 26 Thanksgiving

December 2009

One small group session

1st large group meeting – Sponsor/ Candidate Retreat
on Saturday, December 5th, 10a to 2p: Personal Prayer
*** Sponsors must attend**

1. Introduction – Opening prayer
2. Separate into sponsors and confirmandi
3. Sponsors
 - a. How to be a great sponsor
 - b. How to help the confirmandi learn about the Catholic faith
 - c. Regular meetings
 - d. Curriculum
 - e. Dates and times of classes, always welcome to come
 - f. Important dates: retreat, large group meetings, LifeTeen attendance date of confirmation if available
4. Confirmandi – Session 8 ‘More than Words’ - Personal Prayer
 - a. Goal: show that we are called to deepen our relationship with Christ through personal prayer
 - b. Describe the types of prayer: Thanksgiving/Praise, Petition/Repentance, Blessing and Adoration, Petition/Intercession
 - c. Describe individual prayer styles
 - d. Provide and review prayers fundamental to our faith
 - i. Our Father
 - ii. Hail Mary
 - iii. Glory Be
 - iv. Apostles Creed
 - v. Rosary
 - vi. Act of Contrition
 - vii. Others ??
5. Bring confirmandi and sponsors together
 - a. Describe prayer services
 - i. Taize
 - ii. Adoration
 - iii. Daily Mass
 - iv. Stations of the Cross
 - v. Other??
6. Closing

Winter break 12/21/09 – 01/01/10

Dec. 25 (Friday) - Christmas

January 2010

One small group sessions

January 18 (Monday) – Martin Luther King Day

* Service opportunity

Confirmation Retreat – January 29, 30 & 31 (Fri-Sun)

February 2010

Two small group sessions

February 15 (Monday) – Presidents' Day

* Service opportunity

February 17 – Ash Wednesday

March 2010

One small group session

Thursday, March 18th @ 7p- An evening session with a priest for a teaching Mass

Making the Mass meaningful, living the Mass

Objectives: Review Ordinary time, Liturgical calendar, color of the vestments, etc.

Interviews with Father Jim to be scheduled

Letters to the Archbishop to be completed and due to parish office by March 31 (Wed)

St. Patrick's Day – March 17 (Wed)

April 2010

One or two small group meetings depending on content needs

Spring break – week of April 5 - 9

Easter – April 4 (Sunday)

May 2010

Celebration of Confirmation – Sunday, May 23 (Pentecost) or 30 @ LifeTeen Mass

* Requested from Archdiocese but not confirmed

Mystagogia, Wednesday after Confirmation

* Could have on last small group session with review of the lessons, prep for confirmation, concentrating on the Mass, readings, etc.

Responsibilities:

- 8 Life Nights
- As catechists, we will take our whole group to at least one Life Teen Mass per month.
- We will 'serve' at least one Mass: hospitality, gifts, lector, choir, etc.
- 10 hours community service: school community service hours can count for these
- Sponsor to be chosen by October:
 - Encourage someone who is meaningful for the confirmandi – and someone who is nearby that can meet with them regularly, go to Mass with them, talk with them about their faith, the church, confirmation, etc.

Paperwork:

- Faith Formation Registration form
- Baptismal certificate * If baptized somewhere besides St. Michael
- Sponsor Information form
- Sacrament of Confirmation policy * To be signed by Parent and Candidate

Lessons and objectives

Existence of God and God's Plan of Salvation

Goal: Clear understanding of the existence of God and a deeper knowledge of what it really means to follow Him.

Jesus in the Sacraments

Goal: Show how the Church itself is the first sacrament. Through the church, the life of God flows. God gives us the grace that we need to follow Christ and participate with Him in the Building of His Kingdom and the ongoing work of redemption, and ultimately to be with Him for all eternity.

The Creed

Goal: Challenge the reality of the beliefs – Are they real or just acted out? Are they solid and based on eternal truths

Theology of the Body

Goal: the teachings of the Church on matters of sexuality and helps to foster a clear understanding of the proper use and limits of sexual expression for teens.

Moral Decisions

Goal: To help teens see the wisdom and teachings of the Church as a guide for making moral decisions. May use the Life Boat exercise.

Death and Dying

Goal: to help young people deal with the reality of death in their lives.

Gifts

Goal: To clearly explain the teaching of the Church on the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit.

Mary and the Communion of Saints

Goal: To clearly explain the teachings of the Church on the Virgin Mary and the Saints.

Universal Church

Goal: To help the teens understand the universal nature of the Roman Catholic Church