

# Confirmation: Year Two

**Mission of Year Two** – We want the students to leave year two with a clear understanding of why they are Catholic. The students should leave prepared to be witnesses to Christ, a true disciple, and understand God’s mercy, forgiveness, love and the journey to our ultimate salvation with Him.

**Materials:** YOUCAT, Bible, and Decision Point (These will be provided.)

*Once a Month, 90 Minute Classes:*

-Each class session will be 90 minutes long and will be held on the second Sunday of the month (with the exception of November 2019 and April 2020).

-It is required, that students and at least one of their parents attend each class.

-Each session will include:

- A small time for prayer. We will be working on different types of prayers. Ex: Rote Prayer, Vocal Prayer, Contemplative Prayer, Meditation, Lectio Divina, Spontaneous Prayer, Prayers of Petition, etc.
- Each session will start with an introduction, it will vary between a video, a speaker, a demonstration, team building activity, etc. depending on the specified topic.
- After the introduction the leader of the night will lead the whole group in literature and reflection.
- We will offer break with light refreshments.
- Then small groups will come together at their table with their leader who will begin discussion. The whole table will collaborate on some activities/discussions, but a lot of the conversation will be happening between the parent/s and child.
- We will have some time to come back together and share with the whole group.
- The leader of the session will close with the homework assignment and prayer.

*Homework:*

-Homework will include time for the student to work on their own and then review and discuss it with their parents. It will include prayer, bible, YOUCAT and reflection.

-Some months it will be simple, some months it will be more complex.

*Make Up Classes:*

-If for some reason, you are unable to attend a class, because of an unavoidable family emergency, you will need to set up a time to meet with Christy to get the materials, videos, worksheets, homework and discussion points and turn it in by the next class.

## Mass:

- Your decision to be confirmed indicates that you want to be a part of our faith community. The centerpiece of our faith community is our gathering to worship together at Mass. It is expected that we attend Mass each weekend and on Holy Days of obligation to celebrate the Eucharist.
- If regular Mass attendance isn't currently happening, it is highly encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist.
- Once a month we will require Mass Notes to be completed and turned in after Mass. The template will be available on each Parish website, in the back of church, and in class.
- Please turn them into the designated area in the back of church or in class.
- March 2019 is when this requirement will be in place and Mass notes are due by month end.
- If you attend Mass at another church, you are still required to have the Mass notes form filled out and can turn them in at class. We also ask that you have the priest sign the Mass notes and bring a bulletin from that church.

## Initial Meeting with Father and Director of Religious Education

- We will be asking you to set up initial meetings with Father and the DRE. We would prefer for these meetings to be home visits. We are not asking for a meal or for you to go out of your way and do anything extravagant, but to simply host us for a 20 to 30-minute conversation.
- If a home visit is not an option, we can set up a time to meet at one of the parishes.
- We will be offering initial meeting times during September 2019 on Saturday 6:00-8:00, Sunday 1:00-4:00, Tuesday and Thursday 6:30-8:00 (These dates/times are subject to change).
- We won't be setting these meetings up until the summer months when the dates are closer but wanted to give you an idea of when you can expect them.

## Discernment

- During the January class, students, along with their parents, pastor, and church staff, are going to complete a check in on the student's personal readiness and desire to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.
- If it would be that someone may not be ready, we would set up a personal meeting with how we can best help that student to move forward in the process.
- After the discernment period is complete, when ready, we ask the candidate to write a letter of readiness and intent to Father Aaron. This will be discussed in more detail at the January class.

## Fellow Friend in the Faith

- You will be partnered by the faith formation office with one of your classmates. We are asking that you pray for each other, support one another, and call on each other to complete Spiritual and Church Community Service Hours together.
- We aren't keeping track of what you do together or the prayers you say for each other, but you will be grouped together for discussions or activities during year two.

## Retreat

- We received a tremendous amount of positive feedback about the retreat they attended this past year and want to provide another opportunity for spiritual growth during year two.
- As of right now we don't have all the details of when and where it would take place, or what it would entail.
- As soon as a concrete plan is in place to have or not to have another retreat, we will let you know.