



## Sacrament of Confirmation Preparation Program 2011-2012 Calendar

Sunday	Oct. 9	6:45pm-8pm	Parent-Candidate Orientation (Auditorium) - MANDATORY Complete Application Packet DUE
Sunday	Nov. 6	5:30pm-8:30pm	Rite of Welcoming Mass (Church)
Friday	Jan. 13		Retreat Paperwork DUE (from parents, sponsors, family members, etc.)
Sat/Sun	Jan. 21-22	7pm Sat – 4pm Sun	Retreat #1 O'Dwyer Retreat House (1/2 of Candidates)
Sat/Sun	Jan. 28-29	7pm Sat – 4pm Sun	Retreat #2 O'Dwyer Retreat House (other 1/2 of Candidates)
Monday	Jan. 31		Sponsor Registration Form and Certificate of Eligibility DUE
Sunday	Feb. 12	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop #1 (Cafeteria)
Sunday	Feb, 26	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop #2 (Cafeteria) Saint Project DUE
Monday	TBD	7:00pm-7:45pm	Learning Novena to Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal
Sunday	Mar. 11	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop #3 (Cafeteria)
Saturday	March	TBD	Pilgrimage to St. Mary's Seminary
Sunday	Mar. 25	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop #4 (Cafeteria) Draft of Letter to Bishop DUE
TBD	April		Confirmation Interviews – Final Letter to Bishop Madden DUE
Monday	Apr. 2	7pm or 7:30pm	Pilgrimage Option: Chrism Mass (Cathedral of Mary our Queen)
Sunday	Apr. 15	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop \$5
Sunday	April 29	5:30pm-8:30pm	Workshop #6 (Cafeteria)
Monday	May 7	7pm	Confirmation Rehearsal (Church)
Tuesday	May 8	7pm	Confirmation Mass (Church) and Reception (Parish Hall)

### **Rite of Welcoming Mass:**

- Each Candidate will be called up individually by name after the homily.
- They will receive a blessing once all candidates have been announced and are in the sanctuary.
- Please dress appropriately for Mass.

### **Preparation Workshops:**

- Sessions are mandatory. If a Candidate must miss a meeting, an assignment will be given and must be completed and returned by the next session.
- There will be 6 preparation workshops from February through April.
- All sessions will begin with Mass at 5:30pm. Please arrive by 5:20pm.
- Workshops will take place on Sunday evenings in interactive, large group format. They run until 8:30pm.
- Pizza and water will be served.
- All Candidates are required to attend all workshops as well as the 5:30pm Mass that precedes it.

- A Parent and/or Sponsor must attend at least one (1) Sunday evening workshop with their Candidate. An email will be sent prior to each workshop for parents/sponsors to sign up. Of course, parents and sponsors are welcome anytime.
- Bring the following items to all workshops:
  - 1 inch hard cover binder (from home). This is your Confirmation Journal.
  - Pen or pencil (from home)
  - Call to Celebrate Confirmation Workbook. \$10 will be refunded to Candidates at the last session upon return of book. If the book is not returned at the last session, no refund will be given.
  - Any assignments that may be due
  - Bible (any NAB translation) if needed
- It is expected that all Candidates treat facilitators and fellow Candidates with respect. Any Candidate who chooses to be disruptive and disrespectful will be asked to leave the session. If such behavior continues, the Candidate will not be permitted to return and therefore, will not be confirmed.

#### **Retreat:**

- Each Candidate must attend one overnight retreat.
- Candidates may specify their retreat date preference on the Confirmation Application, however, this cannot be guaranteed.
- We are required to have a chaperone for every 10 candidates at the Retreat House. Candidates who have a parent/sponsor chaperone the retreat will have first choice of their retreat date.
- If you cannot attend either retreat date, you must contact the Msgr. O'Dwyer Retreat House directly to make arrangements to attend an overnight retreat with another parish.

#### **Pilgrimage:**

- A parent or sponsor is required to attend with the Candidate.
- If you are absolutely not able to attend the St. Mary's Seminary Pilgrimage, you may attend the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of Mary our Queen on the Monday evening of Holy Week as an option.
- Alternate pilgrimages are an option, but are subject to approval. Please submit your request to attend an alternate pilgrimage prior to making final plans.

#### **Service Requirement:**

- See attached information regarding service opportunities.
- You will be receiving an email with all of the service opportunities available to you.
- All Candidates must complete a minimum of 1 in-parish service opportunity.

#### **Letter to Bishop Madden:**

- Details will be discussed at the workshops.

#### **Novena:**

- Details will be discussed at the workshops and sent via email.

#### **Saint Presentation:**

- Details will be discussed at the first workshop and sent via email.

#### **Confirmation Interviews:**

- Interviews for ICS students will take place during the school day in March dates TBD.
- Interviews for all other Candidates will take place TBD.
- You will be provided with questions that you should be prepared to answer.
- Each interview will last approximately 10-15 minutes.

#### **Confirmation Rehearsal, Mass and Reception:**

- The Confirmation Mass will be on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 @ 7pm. A reception will follow immediately following Mass in the Parish Hall. Bishop Madden will be available at that time for photo opportunities.
- Rehearsal will be on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 7pm in the Church. Sponsors are required to attend.
- Bishop Madden will be the celebrant.
- Be sure to notify sponsors of these dates.

**Attendance and participation in all program activities is MANDATORY.**