



Confirmation Orientation Program

09/29/2019

“When you look at the crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”

Saint Mother Teresa of Calcutta

“The future starts today, not tomorrow.”

Saint Pope John Paul II



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Opening Prayer

Heavenly Father, strengthen these children and their families with the gifts of your grace to love and serve as disciples of Christ.

Grant that they may grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ and fill them with the joy of your presence.

Increase in them the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, and the spirit of wonder and true holiness.

We ask this through your Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ from whom all good things come.

Amen.



Introductions

- Jim Meizanis – Deacon & Confirmation Teacher
- Joyce Cecconi – Pastoral Associate and Religious Education Coordinator
- Lynn Meizanis – Confirmation Teacher

What is Confirmation?

- Confirmation increases and deepens the grace first received at Baptism, it's twin Sacrament.
- A Sacrament of Initiation following Baptism and the Eucharist
- Unites us more firmly to and makes us witnesses of Christ
- Increases the outpouring of the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in us
- Strengthens our bond with the Church
- Gives us special help to spread and defend the faith



Curriculum - Decision Point

- **A program designed to engage the young people of our parish in a life-changing conversation about the genius of Catholicism in preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation**
- For too long we have watched young people walk away from the faith. The tragedy is, most of them have never had the genius of Catholicism presented to them in a compelling way. So they have walked away, completely unaware of what they were turning their backs on.
- **Something has to change. Everyone knows it. It's time.**
- This program is different. One look at the materials for **DECISION POINT** and that is clear. It looks different because it is different. But it's not just different in how it looks and feels. The way it was developed is very different from how Catholic programs have been developed in the past.



Curriculum - Decision Point

- It's not just different for the sake of being different. It's different for a reason. Let's be honest—the old way isn't working.
- **Eighty-five percent** of young Catholics stop practicing their faith within ten years of their Confirmation.
- **Different is needed and DECISION POINT** is different in a hundred ways.
- **DECISION POINT** was developed over a period of four years by Matthew Kelly and his Dynamic Catholic Organization.
- All of the content is available on-line at:
 - **www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/**



Class Format & Attendance

Class Format – 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM in the IC School

- Welcome
- Opening Prayer
- Lesson Introduction
- Lesson #1 - watch clip and small group discussion
- Lesson #2 - watch clip and small group discussion
- Lesson #3 - watch clip and small group discussion
- Break for food
- Lesson #4 - watch clip and small group discussion
- Lesson #5 - watch clip and small group discussion
- Announcement and additional materials
- Closing Prayer



Class Format & Attendance

Class Attendance

- Attendance is strongly recommended and required
- For any class that is missed:
 - Videos for lesson to be watched at home
 - Questions answered from the lessons in the workbook
- If classes are cancelled for weather or any other issues, you will be notified by blog posting, text, email, or telephone



Confirmation Name

- Preferred name for Confirmation is the Baptismal name due to the connection between Baptism and Confirmation.
- If a new name is carefully chosen it should be the name of a recognized Saint of the Catholic Church.
- Research the name of your choice – www.catholic.org/saints
- A report will need to be completed and presented in class
- Report due in the Spring of 2020



Sponsor Information

- Preferred Sponsor is one of the Baptismal God Parents, again due to the connection between the two Sacraments.
- Sponsor must be at least 16 years of age
- A practicing Catholic that has been confirmed
- Recommended that Sponsor be of the same sex as the candidate, but not a requirement
- Parents may not be Sponsors, but can be presenters “in proxy” for sponsors
- If Sponsor not a member of Corpus Christi Parish their Parish Pastor must complete the required form
- Sponsor must be selected and all paperwork completed in the Spring of 2020



Parish Service Hours

- By the Spring of 2020, 10 hours of parish service need to be performed
- Hours can be credited for approved work at the Parish
- Parish opportunities include work at Mass, Parish events, work with Religious Education, shut-ins, etc.
- A form for each type of service work will need to be completed



Confirmation Blog

- Confirmation Blog

- Address - <https://corpuschristiconfirmation.wordpress.com/>
- Information on Lessons and Calendar
- Confirmation Documents and Forms
- Information on cancellation of classes for inclement weather



Calendar of Classes and Events

- 09/29/19 – Introduction
- 10/13/19 – Life is Choices
- 10/27/19 – What's Holding You Back?
- 11/10/19 – The Jesus Question
- 11/24/19 – The Prayer Process
- 12/08/19 – The Bible
- 12/22/19 – Relationships
- 01/05/20 – The Eucharist
- 01/19/20 – The Holy Spirit
- 02/09/20 – The Church
- 02/23/20 – Confirmation
- 03/08/20 – Made For Mission
- 03/22/20 – Holiness Is Possible
- 04/19/20 – Saint Name Reports/Make-up day for weather
- 04/26/20 – Saint Name Reports/Make-up day for weather
- **Confirmation Practices/Meetings to be determined**
- **Sacrament of Confirmation – May 31, 2020 Time TBD on the Feast of Pentecost**



Questions?

And hopefully some good answers.....



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