

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION GUIDE

ST. JOSEPH PARISH, PRESCOTT

Since Confirmation is a serious step forward in faith, those requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation are 'required' to fulfill the following responsibilities. Parents, candidates, and sponsors as well as the parish community are to work together in this preparation.

1. INITIAL MEETING

- Presentation in the Spring
- Folder for family and candidate with outline presented

2. SERVICE PROJECTS AND PREVIOUS SERVICE HOURS

- 18 service hours should be recorded from grs. 7,8,9
- 6 hours of ministry service to complete (now to Dec. 2010)
- 3 hours of service at Fall Festival, 9-26-10
(sign up sheets at spring meeting)
volunteer sign up for VBS, or server, lector, usher greeter,
bring up gifts., serve newcomer's donuts and clean up (not all
serving and most must be family ministering together)
all to be completed and into the Rel. Ed Office by Dec. 10, 2010

3. HOME BOOKLET AND FAITH TIPS FOR SUMMER

- A booklet on basic Catholic belief must be completed by the family during the summer and turned in by 8-1-10- Parents and candidates as well as sponsors are asked to work on this together. Since we never quit learning or may never have had the opportunity to learn some basic parts of our faith.
- Pray daily
- Do acts of kindness
- Read about Saint names for your Confirmation name and prepare sheet for Fr. Ed on your name and why you picked it
- Confirmation NAME ,LETTER TO FR ED, SAINT: DUE BY 6-1
- See below about choosing a name
- Take God along on vacation by attending Mass

4. CHOOSE A SPONSOR AND MEET WITH THEM & DO BOOKLET

- Meet with sponsor in summer while have more time and complete Sponsor guidebook together. (Booklet due by 8-1-10 in the Rel. Ed Office

5. CHOOSE A CONFIRMATION NAME & DO NAME SHEET/letter Fr. Ed

- Complete name sheet after choosing name for confirmation. Name chosen should be Saints name. The sheet should be turned into Religious Ed. Ofc. by 6-1-10. Fr. Ed will review these and approve the name so pick a Saints name please& write a letter to Fr Ed explaining why you want to be Confirmed and why you chose the name.*****
- The Bishop will ask you about the Saint so know about them.

6. QUESTION OF THE WEEK IN THE BULLETIN

- A question about the readings will appear in the bulletin each week starting 9-2010. Also, please write one paragraph on one theme from the sermon. This could be an interesting family project because each of us hears different things.. These paragraphs should be brought to class each week please. **LOOK FOR THIS IN THE BULLETIN.**
- If you are on vacation or go to another parish you still must turn in the paragraph on the sermon and then get the question and write on it.

7. ATTEND CLASSES SEPT. 2010- APRIL 2011

- Attendance at class is mandatory. No one is excused to take ACT testing or any other activity. Wed. is "Church night" and if you have a problem at High School, call me. Mr. Hulne is very cooperative with all the churches on this matter. Mandatory means you must be present if you want to be Confirmed. Of course, you can always wait until next year if you are not ready.
- Attendance and participation in class, CREED, Confirmation book, and question of the week will all be part of class with an emphasis on discussion. If someone is ill I must be called and receive a written excuse.

8. LIVE A RESPONSIBLE CATHOLIC LIFE

- Attend Mass Sunday and Holy Days
- Receive Reconciliation when possible
- Develop a prayer life

9. RETREAT NIGHT FOR PARENTS AND CANDIDATES

- Attendance at Confirmation Retreat both parents and candidates. November 3rd in the gym at St. Joseph School

10. REHEARSAL

- Rehearsal for Confirmands will be Feb. 16th at 6:45pm in the church at St. Joseph.(a parent or sponsor must attend too.
- CONFIRMATION IS Feb. 20, 2011. AT THE 10 AM MASS.

11. GOWN MEASURING & ORDERING AND PICTURES

- Gown measuring 12-1-10 at 6:15p in the gym entrance
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IT SHOULD BE NOTED : If a candidate for Confirmation cannot, will not, or does not fulfill all the qualifications and responsibilities, the candidate is telling the Bishop, Priest, Parents, and Parish that he/she is not ready and does not want to be Confirmed this year and thereby is postponing Confirmation for another year.