

# 2016-2017 St. Vincent de Paul Parish Confirmation Guidelines

## 10<sup>th</sup> grade

### Attendance:

- **Weekend mass attendance is an expectation for all Confirmation students.** There is a red binder with a sign in sheet located in the sacristy at each site. The sign in sheets will start the weekend of Oct. 1st & 2nd. If you attend mass at a different parish, you need to bring a bulletin from that parish with your name written on the top and put in box at registration table at the next class.
- There are 6 Sunday afternoon classes and 2 Intergenerational Sessions. The first session is **a parent student meeting**.

The Intergenerational Sessions are held the second week of Dec. and March. You will choose one day during that week to attend. The day does not need to be the usual class day. The sessions are held on a Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

- **All students are expected to attend all classes including the Intergenerational sessions**

### Additional Required Activities:

- There is a monthly homework assignment on the Confirmation page of the parish website, [www.svdparish.org](http://www.svdparish.org) that is to be completed and handed in at class
- There will be **Confirmation Enrollment Masses** for all 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students on the weekend of Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> at all the masses so you may attend your usual mass.
- There will be **Candidate/Sponsor session, Sunday January 8<sup>th</sup>, 1-3pm** in Parish Center Hall, if the sponsor cannot attend, a parent may attend in their place; both parent and sponsor are welcome
- The **Confirmation Retreat on Saturday March 18<sup>th</sup>** will be an all-day event the Confirmandi must attend as per Diocesan regulations. Parents and Sponsors are welcomed. The retreat this year will be a Vicariate wide event held at St. Raphael parish, corner of College and Macklem Aves, 9:30am through the 4pm mass.
- Attendance at Confirmation practice is required; the date will be announced when we get our sacrament date; practice is usually one or two nights before the sacrament.

## Parish Ministry work:

- \*All Confirmandi are to take part in at least two ministries within St. Vincent de Paul Parish. You will choose your ministries at the Parent/Youth session; Descriptions of each ministry will be given before you will sign up.
- \*At the completion of the ministry work you are to write a short paper (generated on a computer) explaining how it helped your understanding of the importance of parish life participation. **You will be writing two separate papers, one of EACH ministry.**

## Saint names:

Catholic School students need to choose a saint to pattern their lives on and give a brief description of why they chose that saint. Saint names and papers are to be handed in on or before the January class. All other candidates chose their saint in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade.

## Sponsors:

- \*Catholic School students' Candidate/Sponsor information forms are to be returned on or before November 20th.** **\*Your chosen sponsor needs to be a confirmed Catholic of good standing in a Catholic parish, that means they attend Mass and are confirmed themselves.** \*

They need to be someone who will help you continue to develop your faith throughout your life. If not from St. Vincent de Paul they will need a letter from their pastor verifying their eligibility. Sponsors from St. Vincent de Paul will be verified by the rectory office. If a sponsor is unable to attend the sacrament ceremony a parent may stand in as proxy for that sponsor. All other sponsor requirements would still apply.

## Letters requesting Confirmation:

- \*Letters need to be addressed to Fr. Robert Hughson requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letter needs to state why you want to be confirmed and give some background information on yourself (what your ministries were, if you might want to continue them after the sacrament, what your interests are.) They are to be in a formal letter format and may be shared with the Bishop. **All letters are due on or before the Intergenerational Session in March.**

## Confirmation Interviews:

- \*Interviews will be held at the Parish Rectory in March and early April** dependent on Fr. Bob and Fr. Jeff's schedules. There will be a signup sheet at one of the regular classes. Personal faith development, Catholic knowledge as well as Mass attendance and ministry involvement will be taken into consideration during the interview.

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