**Confirmation Zoom Meeting**

**October 3, 2021**

1. Opening Prayer.
2. Introduction of Core Team.
   1. As most of you know, I am Deacon Tim and I have been involved with preparing youth for Confirmation for 19 years.
   2. Our Confirmation Core Team consists of my wife, Mary; Juan and Priscilla Gamboa; Julie Cemelich and Jim Kay. This team has worked together for approximately the past six years with the exception of Jim, who joined us last year and has been a great asset and blessing to both the team and our youth. We all love our faith deeply and are committed to helping youth understand more about it and make it their own.

3. Information:

* 1. Classes will be held approximately every other week on Sundays from noon-2 pm in the basement of the Pastoral Center. The space is well ventilated. We will be observing social distancing and masks will be worn by all. Students should do a health self-screen before coming to class. Please do not come if you are not feeling well. No food is allowed, so you will need to decide if you need to eat something beforehand or can wait until after class. Out of respect for everyone, please be on time for class. We begin classes next Sunday, October 10th.
  2. A calendar of class dates along with what topics we will be covering is on the parish website [www.ollparish.org](http://www.ollparish.org) under the Youth tab. Due to a conflict, our first class will be held in the gym. This is a one-time occurrence….all other classes will be in the Pastoral Center.
  3. We have requested 3 dates in May for the bishop to celebrate the sacrament with us: May 1, 15, 22 – please keep those dates open – we hope to know by November which date it will be. We will notify you as soon as we find out.
  4. The program we will be using this year is Dynamic Catholic’s Decision Point Confirmation program. Each student will be provided with a workbook that they will need to bring to each session. If parents or sponsors would like to have access to the videos we will be showing in class so they can take this journey with the candidates, let us know and we can make that available to you.
  5. Absences - We have a lot of material to cover so we hope no one will miss any classes. However, we also know that there are some reasonable excuses to miss a class (illness, family emergency, etc.). Communication is key – please let us know as far in advance as is possible. Students will be expected to make up the class with either a parent or their sponsor. We will provide the materials for the makeup session.
  6. As part of the Confirmation process, students are required to attend a retreat. We have ours scheduled for March 18- 20 at Our Lady of Peace Retreat in Beaverton. There is an additional fee of $75 to help defray the cost of the retreat – scholarships will be available and no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. If you are unable to attend our retreat, you may attend one somewhere else, however, it needs to be approved in advance. If Covid keeps us from having an in-person retreat, we will do our best to come up with an online retreat.
  7. Each student needs a Sponsor. How to pick one, requirements to be a sponsor, etc. as well as forms for both the candidate and sponsor to fill out are on our website under the Youth tab. This needs to be done no later than November 7th.
  8. We ask that each candidate do 5 hours of service with their sponsor – there is a form online.
  9. Each student is asked to choose a Saint Name – Information on who the saints are and how and why you choose one is on the website. We ask you to choose one by December 5th. You will be expected to discuss your saint at a future session.
  10. A copy of each student’s Baptismal certificate is also required. If you were baptized at Our Lady of Lourdes, please let us know – we will have that information on file and there is nothing more you need to do. If the candidate was baptized at another church, you need to contact that church and ask them to send a copy of your Baptismal Certificate WITH NOTATIONS to Our Lady of Lourdes – please start contacting parish of Baptism NOW!
  11. Registration forms to join the Confirmation program are online; we ask a $20 donation to help cover the cost of materials. Again, no one will be turned away due to inability to pay. Please register by October 8th if you have not already done so.

1. Contact Information: [tim@ollparish.org](mailto:tim@ollparish.org); 971-337-0530.
2. Although we have been helping with the Confirmation program for years, this is the first time we have had to organize it, so please be patient with us as we work out all the details! We will do our best to answer any questions you have along the way as we take this journey together.