

## **Confirmation FAQ's**

### **What grade is confirmation prep?**

We are in a transition year of moving the grade for confirmation prep and confirmation. Our plan is students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade will be in 1<sup>st</sup> year confirmation and Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation.

However, this year, 2020-2021, because of the transition and in order to bring down the confirmation age those in 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> grades will be in 1<sup>st</sup> year confirmation and those in 11<sup>th</sup> grade will be in 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation.

### **Why the move of the confirmation age?**

There are many reasons why we explored and have transitioned to grade of confirmation to 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Confirmation is often looked at as a graduation from the church. In the past we have had many students who have stated that is what they believe. Also many times students get confirmed and we never see them again. By moving the age down and offering opportunities to still learn and stay engaged in the parish it is our hopes that they take on leadership and ownership of their parish.

The staff of St. Henry presented a plan of moving confirmation to Bishop Konderla and he approved as a pilot program for our parish.

### **What if my student is not mature enough or we think they are ready to be confirmed?**

If you as a parent do not feel your student is ready for Confirmation we will work together and they will be confirmed when you think your student is ready for the sacrament of Confirmation

For "by the sacrament of Confirmation, [the baptized] are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit." CCC 1285

### **What curriculum will confirmation prep be using this year?**

7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, & 11<sup>th</sup> will be using Called to Mercy by St. Mary's press. This curriculum is an online curriculum, where students will create a profile and complete the modules that are assigned each month.

### **If Confirmation prep is all online, will they still meet with a catechists?**

Yes, all students in both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year confirmation will meets with a catechist twice a month via Zoom. They will be split into groups of 5-8, and their meeting with catechists will be no more than 30 minutes.

### **Will they meet on Zoom the whole year?**

As restrictions lessen and we are allowed and we open the building then we will transition to students meeting in person for Confirmation class.

**How will my student know what small group and catechists they will meet with?**

Once your student has registered they will be placed in a small group, Katie, the Coordinator of Faith Formation, will send out the details as to what time they meet and the link to meet on Zoom.

**Is there a schedule as to when each small group meets?**

Yes, there is a schedule posted on the website and is accessible to all parents and students

**What happens after my student is confirmed?**

We realize that we need to still provide opportunities for students to continue to learn about their faith, even after they are confirmed. When students are confirmed we will offer semester style faith enrichment opportunities. Topics included may be the saints, service, social justice, salvation history, etc. We want the students to pick studies that they are interested in learning more about. Topics could change year to year depending on interest and available catechists to lead.

These classes are designed to give students tools and experiences to live as Disciples of Christ not only here at St. Henry but also in their everyday life.