**St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church Confirmation Curriculum Calendar**

**Topics for class times 2018-2019**

\*\*Calendar is subject to change—once enrolled, any calendar updates will be given via email

**1st year Curriculum Goal:** By the end of the first year of Confirmation Prep, students will have been given the opportunity to become “brilliant at the basics” – they will have more deeply explored the basic tenants of Christianity and, more particularly, the Catholic Church. Students will have taken steps to become intentional disciples, developing regular prayer and sacramental lives. They should be equipped to worship weekly at Mass, pray and read the Scriptures daily, frequent the sacrament of Confession, incorporate various forms of prayer and devotions into their life (like rosary, divine mercy chaplet, etc.), and invoke the help of their patron saint. Additionally, students should become able to tell others who Jesus is, what He did, what His mission is, and why we need a savior. Students should have a deeper understanding of their purpose in life as a beloved child of God, and be sincerely seeking in prayer to know and live out the mission and vocation God has in mind for them.

**2nd Year Curriculum Goal:** By the end of their second year, students should be continuing to live-out and grow in the above mentioned goals, and additionally, have an understanding of the basic concepts of St. John Paul II’s the Theology of the Body. This includes, a greater understanding of the Church’s moral teaching on the sanctity of life and human sexuality. They should understand the “why’s” behind the “what’s” of Catholic moral teaching, and be empowered to live out these teachings more profoundly in their own lives.

**1 year consolidated program**: *ALL dates below apply*—**both regular class dates in brown AND blue, as well as purple combo classes/guest speaker nights (for both the 1 year consolidated program and the 2 year program).**

**2 year recommended program**: ONLY the **dates in brown apply for this year**, as **well as purple combo classes/guest speaker nights (for both the 1 year consolidated program and the 2 year program). The topics in blue will apply *NEXT* year** (the dates will be different, but the basic order will be the same).

**September 2018**

**Sept 9th: 1st Sunday: Alpha Program: Life, this is it?**

**Sept 16th: 2nd Sunday: You 1: Created for Love (Identity as sons and daughters of God, sacramentality of the body, created for and God who is love, defines terms of “Theology of the Body,” body/soul integration in human person, complementarity of genders, sexuality is a gift from God, created by Him to be understood as)**

**Sept 23rd: 3rd Sunday: Alpha Program: Jesus: Who is He?**

**Sept 30th: 4th Sunday: YDisciple (at home with parent/sponsor) New topic of your choice—see full list.**

**October 2018**

**October 7th: 1st Sunday: Alpha: Why did Jesus die?**

**Oct 14th: 2nd Sunday: You 2: Naked without Shame (Relates Genesis creation accounts to modern experiences and consequences, free will and love, practical ramifications of the spousal meaning of the body, etc.)**

**Oct 21st: 3rd Sunday: Alpha Why and How do I pray?**

**Oct 28th: 4th Sunday: YDisciple (at home with parent/sponsor)**

**November 2018**

**Nov 4th: 1st Sunday: Alpha Why and How do I read the Bible?**

**Nov 11th: 2nd Sunday: You 3: Love Defined (Distinguishes between love and lust, Explains chastity as living the gift of sexuality according to God’s design and promotes authentic happiness and freedom to love and be loved)**

**Nov 18th: 3rd Sunday: Alpha Who is the Holy Spirit and What does He do?**

**Nov 25th: 4th Sunday: YDisciple (at home with parent/sponsor)**

**December 2018**

**Dec 2nd: 1st Sunday: Alpha How can I be filled with the Holy Spirit?**

**Dec 9th: 2nd Sunday: You4: Hope and Redemption in Christ (Fullness of redemption includes transformation of our actions and our heart, God’s mercy and the sacrament of Reconciliation, Resurrection of the Body, freedom and healing from sexual addiction)**

**Dec 16th: 3rd Sunday: Alpha New Life: How can I make the most of the rest of my life?**

**Dec 23rd: NO Independent study/y-disciple this month (Merry Christmas)**

**Dec 30th: No class**

**January 2019**

**January 6th: No Class**

**January 11-13th: Mandatory Confirmation Retreat at St. Vincent’s 3PM Friday-11:30AM Sunday (Parent pick up and drop off at Whispering Winds in Julian)**

**January 13th: NO CLASS (coming home from retreat weekend)**

**January 20th: Alpha: How Can I resist Evil?**

**Janury 27th: Pro-Life Night: Time TBD (see announcements as we get closer)**

**February 2019**

**February 3rd: Alpha: How and Why do I tell Others about Jesus?**

**February 10th: Intro to You Session 6 cont.: Free, Total Faithful Fruitful (Explains “Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful” characteristics of Christ’s love and how this can be applied to spousal love, Church teaching on contraception, pornography, masturbation and homosexual acts—the what and the why of each teaching)**

**February 17th: The Catholic Church (Chosen, Fr. Mike, Decision Point)—why be Catholic and not just any kind of Christian? One, Holy, Catholic, Apostolic; Scripture and Tradition.**

**February 24th: Y Disciple (at home with parent/sponsor)**

**March 2019**

**March 3rd: The Catholic Church: What must I do to be saved? Salvation and the Catholic Church, what happens when we die: Heaven, Hell and Purgatory**

**March 10th: You Session 6 continued and intro to session 7 (see session 7 details in April): : Language of the Body (Speaking the truth with our bodies vs. a lie, Church teaching on premarital sex, adultery, same-sex attraction, homosexuality and gender theory, body image and healing of misconceptions about the body’s value and purpose)**

**March 17th: The Catholic Church: Confession—what are the origins of this sacrament? How do I make a good Confession? Why is it known as a sacrament of healing?**

**March 24th: Y Disciple (at home with parent/sponsor)**

**March 31st: Combo Class: Vocation Night TIME: TBD (see announcements as we get close)**

**April 2019**

**April 7th: Catholic Church: Sacrament of Confirmation**

**April 14th: No Class—Palm Sunday. YDisciple switched to this week and class to end of month**

**April 21st: EASTER SUNDAY—No Class**

**April 28th: You Curriculum Wrap up—review sessions already covered and other chapters not yet covered**

**May 2019**

**May 4th: Exit Interviews and Petition Letter due. Interviews 1:00-3:00PM**

**May 5th: Intentional Discipleship/Discipleship and Evangelism Plan—moving forward with Jesus and growing daily in relationship with Him and sharing His love with the world. Practical tips and draw up a commitment.**

**Confirmation Date: TBD (the diocese will notify us in January regarding the date of the sacrament of Confirmation for those being confirmed in 2019, as well as the location. One Year consolidated Program students will be notified by email as soon as the date is issued. \*There may be a Confirmation rehearsal –date TBD as well.) Please also note that the Confirmation may take place at a different parish (our group is small and they may combine us with another church or two).**

Here, as well are the dates for the **4 Parish Holy Hour *options***: **Attend 2 of the options listed below** with family (student and at least one parent).

**Sunday, October 28th**

**Sunday, December 9th**

**Sunday, March 24th**

**Sunday, April 28th**