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RITE OF CONFIRMATION ASCENSION CATHOLIC CHURCH

2019-2020

Confirmation perfects the grace of Baptism. Baptism is the beginning of new life and Confirmation is the strengthening of new life. We receive the full outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost. Confirmation unites us more firmly to Christ and increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us.

The Confirmation Preparation process consists of various elements, which provide a framework for supporting youth and the parish as they grow as a faith community. The process includes opportunities for learning, service, and worship, which require sufficient time for growth, reflection, and maturation. The preparation time is essential to the process. Confirmation invites youth to life-long faith formation and to service in ministry. It is not a graduation from church! It is a beginning, not an end. We look forward to this journey as we explore and enrich our faith together by following Christ and being open to the Holy Spirit.

EXPLANATION OF CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

MASS ATTENDANCE The Eucharistic Liturgy is the source and summit of our Catholic faith. Regular Mass attendance is vital to the spiritual growth of every Catholic. At weekly Mass, teens experience the depths of God's love through the Word, the community, and the Eucharist.

ACTION NIGHTS The Action nights create an environment that meets the spiritual, educational, social and emotional needs of today's teens. Teens grow as a faith community, increasing in understanding of what it means to be young and Catholic in today's world. Through the Mass and Action nights, high school teens learn more about their Catholic faith and grow to love the Sacraments, the Word, and the Mass. Teens are asked to attend at least 5 Action Nights (Sunday's from 6:45-8:30 PM in the youth room) or Summit Nights/Bible Study (Tuesday's from 7-8:30 PM in the youth room) in addition to the 5 scheduled Confirmation meetings.

CLASS MEETINGS These meetings are on Sundays in the Youth Room on the scheduled dates. These sessions are mandatory – teens that miss a Confirmation class will be required to make-up these sessions. Teens who miss multiple meetings will be asked to reevaluate their commitment to the program. **Confirmation classes are part large group and part small group. In an effort to keep small group size to 6 – 8 teens we ask all parents to prayerfully consider co-facilitating a small group.*

Meeting Dates:

Sunday, October 20 during Action Night 6:45-8:30 PM

Sunday, November 24 in morning from 10:45 AM-12:45 PM

Sunday, February 9 during Action Night 6:45-8:30 PM

Sunday, March 29 during Action Night 6:45-8:30 PM

Last session will be a morning session at the beginning of 10th grade yr

WORKS OF MERCY As Christians we are called to serve one another, to be the hands and feet of Christ to those in need. Each teen will plan and implement works of mercy service under the supervision of their parent/guardian. Service should be focused on serving a population in need. Service should be at least a couple of hours. Email Cara with when and where service was completed.

RETREAT Candidates will be required to attend one retreat offered by the Youth Ministry Program. The retreat options are:

Ascension Catholic Teens Fall Retreat

Saturday, November 2-Sunday November 3, 2019

Steubenville Youth Conference

Summer 2020 Date TBD

Ascension Catholic Teens Spring Retreat- Date TBD

EXPLANATION OF CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS CONTINUED

CHOOSING A SPONSOR

The Confirmation Sponsor represents the faith community at the Rite of Confirmation. This person symbolizes the support of the entire Body of Christ for you in your life as a disciple. The sponsor whom you choose joins your parents and family in journeying with you throughout the Confirmation Preparation Period. Sponsor must be selected by the beginning of 10th grade.

CHOOSING A SAINT NAME

In the Sacrament of Confirmation, we choose a name to be confirmed under. This should be the name of a Saint who models for us what it truly means to pursue and live holiness. At the beginning of 10th grade you will be asked to choose your Saint name. However, it's never too early to choose your Saint and begin asking for his/her intercession as you seek to live a life of holiness each day.

RECONCILIATION

Prior to receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation all candidates should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

We ask each family to make a commitment to help with the program in some aspect. parents are asked to help with at least two events per year. This can be in the area of Action nights or Retreat Hospitality, Confirmation Group Leaders, etc.

**Date of Confirmation is set for October 11, 2020 at the 5:30 PM Mass
Please note there is a \$20 registration fee-checks can be made payable to
Ascension Catholic Church-Confirmation**

**For updates on events or if you have questions please contact Cara Giuliano at
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