

TOGETHER AS ONE

+ ST PAUL'S

+ ST. MICHAEL'S

+ ST. PETER'S

+ ST. JOSEPH, W.P.

CONFIRMATION ORIENTATION

2022-2023

OPENING PRAYER

God of wisdom and understanding, open our minds to perceive the mysteries of the universe.

God of right judgment and courage, guide us and make us firm in our decision to follow Jesus' way of love.

God of knowledge and reverence, help us to see the lasting value of justice and mercy in our everyday dealings with one another.

Holy Spirit, fill our lives with wonder and awe in your presence which penetrates all creation.

Amen.



SAINT JOHN PAUL II SAID...

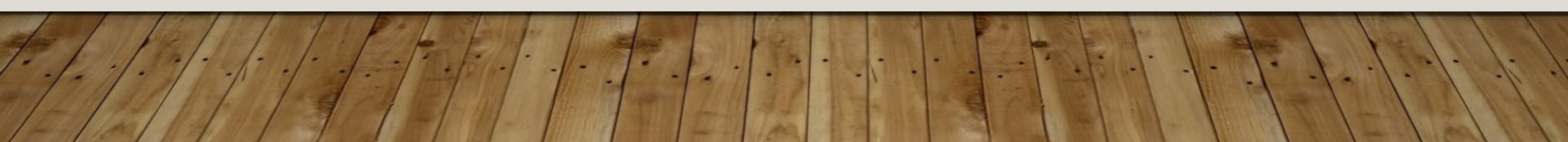
What is needed today is a Church which knows how to respond to the expectations of young people. As Jesus with the disciples of Emmaus, so the Church must become today the traveling companion of young people ...

Youth Day 1995, Philippines

GOALS OF THE T.A.O. CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

- To empower young people to live as disciples of Jesus Christ in our world today.
- To draw young people to responsible participation in the life, mission, and work of the Catholic faith community.
- To foster the total personal and spiritual growth of each young person.

DIOCESAN GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION

- Youth Must attend a Confirmation Retreat.
 - Youth Must Complete a Service Learning experience.
 - Youth Must write a Letter to the Bishop/Pastor.
 - Youth must participate in a Parish Confirmation Preparation Process, including training on the liturgy.
 - Training on how to be a Disciple of Jesus Christ, including opportunities to participate in adult events.
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HOW TO ACHIEVE THESE GUIDELINES

- Student enrolls/Complete forms/Provide Baptismal Certificate.
- Completes a Service Learning Experience
 - 10 Hours Church
 - 10 Hours Community
- Attends a Confirmation Retreat
- Attends 12 Discipleship training classes

GUIDELINES CONTINUED...

- Completes a Journal with a Mentor/Sponsor of their choice.
- Reconciliation & Ceremony Practice Session at some time before Confirmation (dates will be announced!).
- Completes an interview with Clergy or Staff before the Confirmation Ceremony - we will schedule this in the spring.
- Writes a letter as part of our DTS on last night.

DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING SESSIONS (DTS)

- DTS will be held Wednesday evenings from 7:30 - 9:00 pm
- Sessions will be held weekly for 12 consecutive weeks. (Excluding school breaks) beginning on October 5th
- Sessions will focus on Gifts of the Holy Spirit and making them come alive in our lives
- Students MUST attend DTS training Sessions If a youth must miss a session due to illness or family emergency, parents should notify **Joe** or **Nicky** at FF office

WHAT IS THE MENTOR'S ROLE?

- The Mentor is an individual the young person chooses to walk with them through the Confirmation Process. They will meet several times and complete a journal together.
- The Mentor must be over the age of 18, Confirmed in the Catholic Church, actively living their faith out in the world, and someone with which you will feel comfortable sharing your faith. The mentor can be a parent.

WHAT IS THE SPONSOR'S ROLE?

- The Sponsor is the individual who attends the Confirmation Ceremony and places their hand on the shoulder of the Candidate. The Sponsor can also be the young persons Mentor.
- The Sponsor must be over the age of 18, Confirmed in the Catholic Church, actively living their faith out in the world.
- However, the Sponsor cannot be the Parent of a Youth!
(This is Canon Law)

CONFIRMATION NAME

- Your child can choose to keep their given or baptismal name as their Confirmation Name
- They can choose to research a Saint and use their name, which can make the Confirmation process more meaningful for them
- Encourage them to study the Saints and the Gifts of the Holy Spirit which they emulate, to strengthen the student in those gifts

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR STUDENT...

- Consider being a Confirmation Small Group Leader
- Go to Mass - Discuss the Liturgy with them. Inspire them by sharing your faith - Pray with them often
- Be the Model of Faith for your Student - Your influence is a major factor as they grow in spiritual maturity.

REGISTRATION

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QUESTIONS?

CLOSING PRAYER

Breathe into me Holy Spirit, that my thoughts may all be holy.

Move in me Holy Spirit, that my work too, may be holy.

Attract my heart Holy Spirit, that I may love only what is holy.

Strengthen me Holy Spirit, that I may defend all that is holy.

Protect me Holy Spirit, that I myself may always be holy.

Amen

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