



## SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH CONFIRMATION GUIDELINES/POLICIES



### Objectives of a Confirmation process

- To guide young people in the call to holiness by developing a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, by meeting Him in the Scriptures, in the life and teachings of the Catholic Church, and in their own prayer lives.
- To nurture a desire in young people for an understanding of an active participation in the sacramental life of the Church.
- To empower young people to embrace the richness of diversity, to live the moral and theological virtues and to apply these virtues in their decision-making and encourage teens to serve in the church

### Components

These objectives will be achieved through:

A Two Year Preparation for High School Teens including the Participation of Both Parents and Sponsors

- Sunday Eucharistic Liturgy
- Community Life of the Church
- Catechesis through Y Disciple nights
- Retreats
- Service

### Requirements

**Attendance** - Attend all of the assigned Wednesday evening Confirmation classes with no more than a total of 1 unexcused absence each year and 2 excused absences each year.

**Excused absences** - Make Up work is required for each class that is missed. See Make Up work instructions

**Y Disciple Nights** – Teens are to be respectful to the volunteers, staff and faculties. They are to arrive on time, actively participate in the class, small groups and other activities, while being respectful of one another, and listening to whomever is speaking.

**Youth Ministry Nights/XLT's** - Teens are required to regularly attend and **participate in Sunday Mass** (Saturday Vigil Mass) and **at least 1 Youth Ministry event per month** beginning October 11, 2016 & 2 XLT's until the date of Confirmation, as well as *1 First Friday Mass*.

You will need to check-in at the Youth Ministry Meetings. It is **your responsibility** to do so. You are welcomed and encouraged to attend as many Youth Ministry Nights as you wish. Please look at the monthly calendar for any changes to the above schedule.

**Service Projects** - It is your responsibility to complete 4 service projects a year. Opportunities for service will be given throughout the year during confirmation sessions. A Service Hour Form must be completed, signed, and returned to the Youth Ministry Office by Wednesday **April 12, 2017**. The Confirmation Director must approve the hours.

**Retreat** - Attend designated mandatory Saint Vincent De Paul Youth Ministry Retreats.

Confirmation 1 – **November 19, 2016** 1PM-5PM in Parish Hall

Confirmation 2 – **Life Teen Winter Retreat** February 10-12, 2017 at Irvine Ranch Outdoor Education Center

**Sponsor** - Your sponsor must complete the following:

- a. Sponsor Commitment form.
- b. Sponsor Certificate or letter from the Parish they are registered.
- c. Attend Sponsor/teen candidate day on **December, 17 2016 1-5 PM**.

**Parents and sponsors are to be involved with the candidate in the sacramental preparation through:**

1. Attending Mass with candidates as often as possible
2. Attending XLT's and parent/teen nights with candidates.
3. Supporting the candidate by helping in the program with chaperoning when needed.