

### **INTENTION & OVERVIEW OF THE SUNDAY EVENING CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2018-2019**

In an effort to respect Sunday family time and busy family life, while at the same time provide meaningful opportunities to reflect upon the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation, we will have three in-house sessions with Father Jim or a newly ordained Priest, or Seminarian (October 7, January 13, March 3). Father Jim will also offer a session on prayer at the Confirmation Retreat Day (TBD).

Monthly emails from me will include reminders, important dates, and links to useful sources, as well as provide concrete discussion topics (via “Decision Point”) for parents, youth, and sponsors to use in their individual monthly meetings. There will also be a follow-up online Google form sent asking what the sponsors and youth did together for the monthly session, how you felt about it, as well as a few questions to be answered and submitted. Parents, please let your child know of this email, (it will be sent to parents and sponsors) share your computer or forward it to your child’s personal email account. These monthly email sessions are to be viewed together or on the candidates’ own and set aside time to meet with the sponsor (or via phone call) to discuss the email, pertinent information, and questions.

The Dynamic Catholic’s “Decision Point” program will be used as the foundation for Confirmation preparation this year. This program is already used with both Monday night Religious Education students and Saint Thomas School students. A Leader Guide, Workbook, and DVD are available at this October session for our Parish homeschooled students. The goal, of course, is for the students and adults, alike, to take this opportunity to evaluate their own faith journeys and gain useful tools to continue to grow in their relationship with Christ...beyond receiving the sacrament. Every monthly session will be sent via email.

#### **THE ROLE OF THE PARENTS**

To encourage, support, and affirm your daughter’s/son’s involvement in the preparation process

#### **THE ROLE OF THE SPONSOR**

To encourage, support, and affirm the Candidates’ involvement in the preparation process. To be a spiritual guide and mentor through the process, and then keep in touch with the Candidate after the Sacrament of Confirmation during their high school and college years, and beyond to continue to have a relationship with the Candidate. The Confirmation Mass is not a “graduation” for either the Candidate or the Sponsor

The Sponsor sees to it that the Confirmed person acts as a true witness to Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations connected with this Sacrament

#### **PROGRAM MATERIALS - DECISION POINT**

[www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation](http://www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation)

Monthly sessions, links to video clips, and other pertinent resources will be send via email.

Optional: a complimentary copy of the program is available to order online with \$15.95 for shipping & handling at the D.P. website. You may want to order together with a few friends and split the shipping & handling fee.

Again, this is optional.

Free downloads are also available along with some app downloads for iPhone, Android, Windows, and Kindle.

Peace and All Good, Patti Reynolds

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