

Thursday, June 3, 2010

Dear Families,

Welcome to Confirmation at Holy Spirit Parish Geist. Confirmation is a two-year program and each year has its own special goal and set-up. I have included this information so that you get familiar with the year and if you have any questions, you can contact me this summer so we can talk.

Peace,

Samantha Duncan

1ST YEAR PROGRAM

Goal for 1st year candidates:

- Bring them into a period of invitation and formation that is welcoming & experiential so that there is a strong foundation for the following year which is a deeper period of reflection.
- Candidates get to know the leaders, each other and feel comfortable with the process of preparation.
- Get to know the person of Jesus and explore together the core of His life, ministry, and message.
- This year we hope to walk with you on your journey of growth as a Christian.

Program Set-up:

- One class per month (total eight classes)
- Class times will be from 3:00 to 4:45 pm
- Class structured into two parts:
 - 3:00-4:20 small group/class time
 - 4:20-4:45 welcoming/social time (games and snacks)
- Organized service opportunities (30 hrs total for program: 10 community, 10 personal, 10 church)
- Parents sessions are scheduled three times during year (please attend two of the three sessions)

Class schedule with topic for next year is as follows:

Conf #1:	August 22	Personal Uniqueness (p 10) & Identity (p 13)
Conf#2:	September 12	Faith (p 17) & Trusting in God (p 21)
Conf #3:	October 17	The Church (p 24)
Conf #4:	November 7	Revelation (p 32)
Conf #5:	December 12	Prepare the Way of the Lord (p 38)
Conf #6:	January 9	The Reign of God (p 44)
Conf #7:	February 13	Jesus is Rejected (p 56) & The Resurrection (p 63)
Conf #8:	March 6	Pentecost (p 69)

**Makeup Class will be March 20, 2011

Parent sessions dates:

September 12, January 9 & March 6

(Parent sessions will be from 3:15 to 4:30 pm in the social hall)

PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Each parent is needed to make Confirmation a beautiful Sacrament. There are many areas of need and we ask that you review the need and respond to the youth ministry office by June 28, 2010.

Catechist / Assistant Catechists:

Any adult who has an interest in teaching and making a difference in the lives of our young people are welcomed (newcomers to those with loads of experience). We will have a catechist training session this summer where we will discuss; 1) Understanding Youth (cultural values, puberty, thoughts on religion, adolescent problems, promoting healthy development and family traits, etc.) and, 2) Developing Skills for Faith Formation (Christian leadership, catechesis, guidelines for religious education, effective communication, conflict resolution, telling Jesus stories along the way, etc.). Time commitment for catechist is day of class from 2:30 to 4:45 pm and any class preparation time with your teaching partner.

Setup and/or Clean-up

Set-up help will get the facility and rooms ready, make copies, prepare social time drinks and snacks. Set-up crew will need to be at the church from 2:00 to 3:00 pm. Clean-up crew will be needed to straighten up classrooms, halls, and the social hall. Clean-up crew time commitment will be from 4:30 to 5:00 pm.

Welcoming/Social Time

Many adult leaders are needed to make the important welcoming time special. This is the time where all classes come together to have an activity and socialize so several adults will be greatly appreciated to be group leaders, cheerleaders, and support.

Parent Leadership Form: Confirmation 2010-2011

Parent Name: _____

Child's Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Where do you want to help lead? Please circle the choice. Catechist / Assistant Catechist
Set-up / Clean-up
Welcoming / Social

If you are signing up for Set-up/Clean-up or Welcoming/ Social, please state which date(s) you are available to help: _____

If you are signing up for Catechist / Assistant Catechist, please state if weekday or weekend and day or night would be better for training: _____

Turn in the form to youth ministry office by Monday, June 28, 2010 and we will contact you.

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