CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2022-2023

Sessions to be held the 1st SUNDAY OF THE MONTH, 3-6 p.m., in the RE building, September-February. *September's session will be the 3rd Sunday. *January's session will be the 2nd Sunday. Confirmation candidates are expected to attend ALL six sessions.

> The confirmation sponsor or one parent needs to attend every session with their teen candidate.

Attendance at a weekend-long retreat is also required to fulfill confirmation preparation. The date of this year's Retreat is February 18-19, 2023. *Cost of \$120 will be due by the January session.*

Students are expected to attend Mass on a weekly basis. A Mass Participation Record should be turned in at the monthly Confirmation session, for the prior week's Mass attendance. Teen Masses will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month, starting in October, at the 5 pm Mass. IMPACT Youth Group to follow.

CALENDAR

- Wednesday, May 1, 2022 Sponsor Requirement Sheet due!
- Wednesday, Aug. 31, 2022 Parent Meeting, after the 6:30 p.m. Parent Orientation in the church
- *Sunday, Sept. 11 Session #1 (Rite of Confirmation), 3-6 p.m. Parental Consent form due!
- Wednesday, Sept. 14 Opening Mass, 6:30 p.m.
- Sunday, Oct. 3, 9 a.m. Mass Confirmation Investiture: candidates will publicly invest themselves into the Confirmation preparation program during the 9 a.m. Mass. Sponsors need to attend this with their candidates. Parents are also invited to attend. (A parent may substitute for the sponsor if necessary.)
- Sunday, Oct. 2 Session #2 (Holy Spirit / Pentacost), 3-6 p.m.
- Sunday, Nov. 6 Session #3 (Holiness / Saints), 3-6 p.m. "Why I want to be Confirmed" essay due!
- Sunday, Dec. 4 Session #4 (Prayer), 3-6 p.m. Sponsor Letter due!
- *Sunday, Jan. 1 OR Jan.22 Session #5 (Corporal & Spiritual Works of Mercy), 3-6 p.m.
 - Patron Saint essay due!
- Sunday, Feb. 5 Session #6 (Gifts & Fruits of the HS), 3-6 p.m.
 - Community Service form and essay sheet due!
 - Letter to Fr. Pedro due!
 - \$120 Retreat fee due!
- Feb. 18-19 Confirmation Retreat: Eagle's Wings Retreat Center, Burnet
- TBA Blessing Ceremony and Practice for Candidates, their parents and their sponsors, 3 5 pm
- *TBA* <u>Confirmation Interviews / Reconciliation</u>: **4:30 6 p.m.** candidates will meet with Fr. Pedro in his office for their interview, then do reconciliation that will last approximately 15 minutes. Please, BE ON TIME!!
- *March TBA* Confirmation for candidates and sponsors
- Wednesday, May10 Closing Mass, 6:30 p.m.

If you cannot make any of these dates, please contact me at (979) 450-4187 so we can discuss options. Thank you for your role in your child's faith journey. Mrs. Bonnie Holub, DRE