

Confirmation 2 – Parent Meeting

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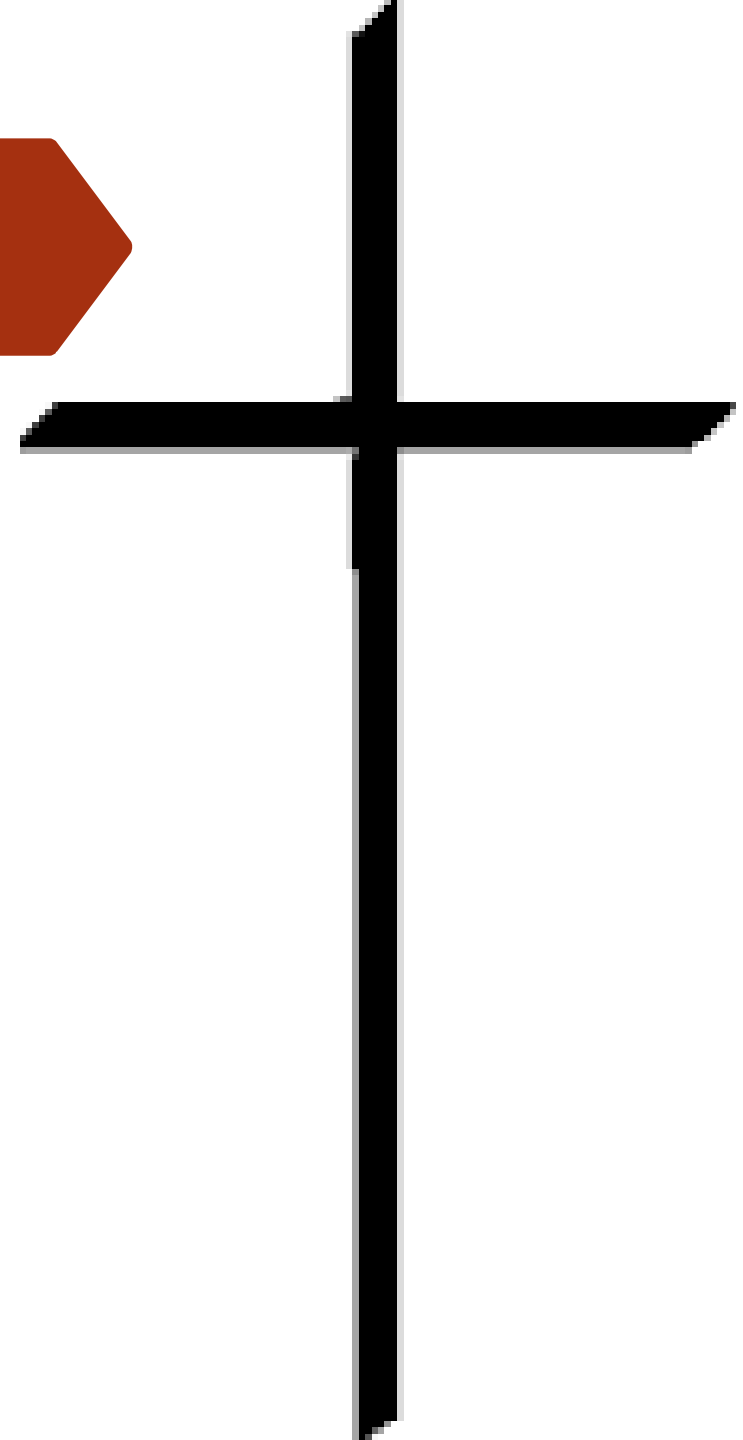
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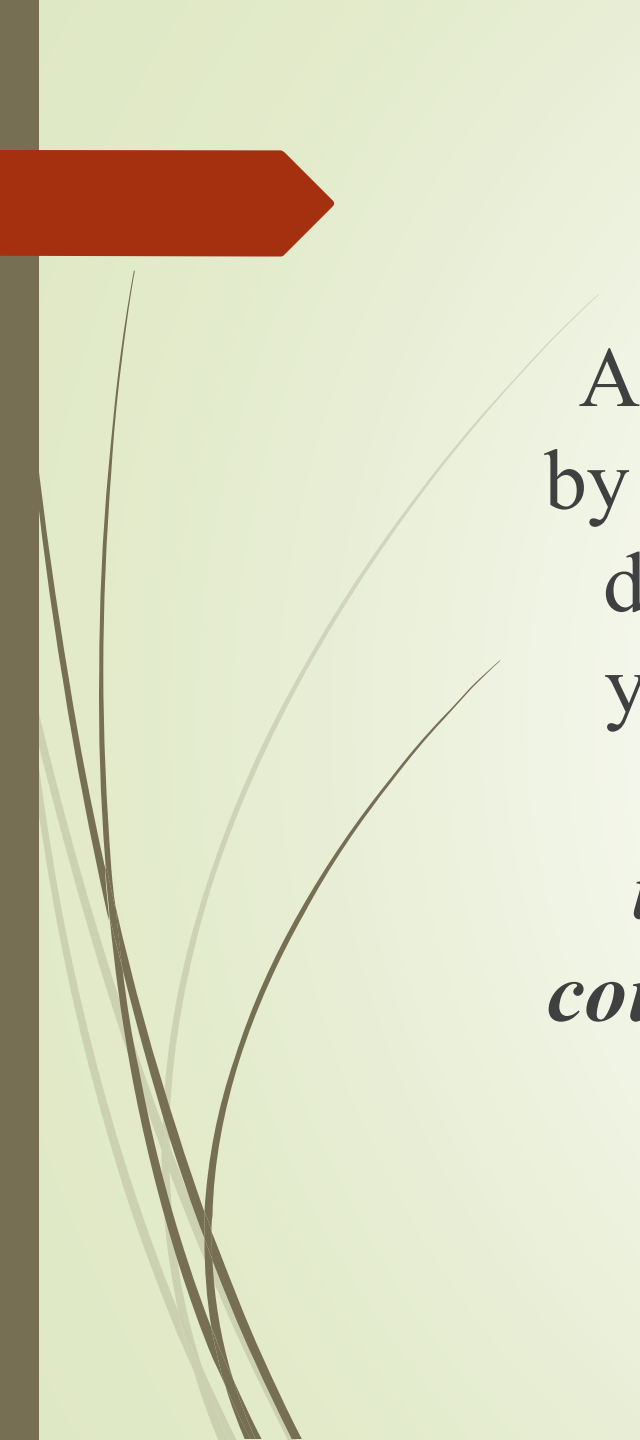
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ACTIVITY – The Question Wall:

Write on Sticky Notes – Place on Bulletin board:

Any question you have about God, faith, doubt, meaning, or anything else that comes to mind about being Catholic.





Opening Prayer

All-powerful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, by water and the Holy Spirit you freed your sons and daughters from sin and gave them new life. Send your Holy Spirit upon them to be their helper and guide. Give them the spirit of *wisdom* and *understanding*, the spirit of *right judgment* and *courage*, the spirit of *knowledge* and *reverence*. Fill them with the spirit of *wonder and awe* in your presence. We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen.



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Confirmation Program – Teen Engagement

- Receive the “POWER” of the Holy Spirit!
- OBJECTIVE:
- Inspire teens to embrace a life of faith rooted in a personal relationship with Jesus and active participation in the Church. The program aims to plant **seeds of discipleship** in our youth, guiding them to:
 - **Pursue greatness** by following the example of the Saints
 - Pray from the heart**, fostering authentic conversation with God
 - Build community** through love and service to others
 - Live the sacraments** as essential nourishment for the soul
 - Embrace mission**, becoming a force for God in the world



Draft Schedule

Date	Time	Class	Lesson	Description
Sun Sep 13	9-11:30a	#1 Parent Mtg	Review	Parent and teen meeting 1st 1/2 hour. What does the Holy Spirit do for me?
Sun Sep 27	6-7:30p	#2	#14	Why have I been Chosen? Sealed and Sent in Confirmation
Sat Oct 17	1-3p	Hike?	n/a	Case Mountain
Sun Oct 18	6-7:30p	#3	#15	Why have I been Chosen? Sealed and Sent in Confirmation
Sun Nov 1	11a-5p	Spirit Fire - SMM	Retreat	Teen Event - Be there for 11am Mass
Sun Nov 8	6-7:30p	#4	#16	What does it mean to say , I do? Marriage a Sign of God's Love
Sun Nov 22	9-11:30a	#5 w/ Mass	#17	Who's Calling? Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment
Sun Dec 13	6-7:30p	#6	#18	Are you Talking To me? Getting to Know God Through Prayer
Sun Dec 20	9-11:30a	#7 w/ Mass	N/A	Christmas lesson & party
Sun Jan 10	9-11:30a	#8 w/ Mass		PRAYER STATIONS
Sun Jan 24	6-7:30p	#9	#20	What would Jesus do? The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness
Sun Feb 7	9-11:30a	#10 w/ Mass	#21	Do I have what it takes? Building Virtue - Your Spiritual Workout
Sat, Feb 20	5-8p	SMM	n/a	Family Bingo
Sun Feb 21	6-7:30p	#11		Why wait? God's Plan for Love and Sex - Chastity
Fri Feb 26	5:30-7:30p	SFA	n/a	Confirmation Simple Supper -Shadow Stations of the Cross
Tues, Mar ?	6-8p	Manchester	n/a	Midwest foodbank service
Sun Mar 14	6-7:30p	#12 w/ Mass	#24	Where do I go from here? The Journey Continues - Confirmation Ceremony Prep
Sun Mar 21	9-11:30a	#13		Mary and the Communion of Saints
Sun, Apr 4	4:30-6p	#14 - SMM		Reconciliation
Apr/May	TBD	Confirmation		St. Joseph's Cathedral - Hartford - FAQs



Class Guidelines

- Classes 2x / month – **BRING YOUR BOOK**
- Be respectful
- Be on time – 9:00AM mass or 6:00PM Class
- LISTEN and PARTICIPATE
- No Phone usage during class – NO EARPHONES / PODS
- No more than 3 absences
- Must complete videos and watch-it questions if Class is missed



What should I do as a Parent?

- Encouragement
- Participate – Read and watch content
- Discussion – What have you learned?
- Volunteer at sessions or one of the events
- This is NOT GRADUATION – NEW BEGINNING



Parent Volunteer Opportunities

- Special project activity with theme of session (i.e. Craft, blessing bags, icebreaker, prayer stations etc.)
- Speaker / testimonials or discussion on specific topic of relevance.
- Administrative help: Check-in, attendance, service hour logistics (sign-up Genius), food prep
- Run or support Service Hour event – Including Immacare & East Hartford Shelters, Senior Centers, Mid-west food pantry
- Youth Group events. Need parent Chaperones and facilitators, Hike, Ice Cream social, Fire pit....
- Help at Spirit Fire- **November 1st**
- Chaperone Case Mountain Hike – **October 17th**
- Participate in Christmas Party – **December 17th**
- Must be VIRTUS certified

Class Requirements & Resources

- USE WEBSITE - <https://saintjuniperoserra.org/confirmation-resources/>
- Latest schedule, forms, service hour sign-ups, links, Chosen Video Link, google classroom link
- Google classroom will be used to hand in ALL make-up assignments and volunteer forms.
 - Class Code: **p2cqhsbf**
 - Invite Link - <https://classroom.google.com/c/Nzk5NjQ0OTQ2MjUz?cjc=p2cqhsbf>
- Complete 10 hours of service, split between Parish volunteering and works of mercy.
 - **ONLINE SERVICE FORM**
- Must participate in the Parish Confirmation Retreat / Penance service and attend any other spiritual teen events offered (5 hours min).
- Participate in the Confirmation Classes and be responsible about attendance and homework. (No more than three classes should be missed)
- **CHOSEN CONTINUED** (15:10)
 - For up to 3 classes – Watch video at home, and complete Watch-it Questions – Hand into Google classroom
- *LISTEN – ENGAGE – GET TO KNOW JESUS!*

Service Hours - Works of Mercy

- 10 service hours/yr. requirement:
- **Combination of Works of Mercy and Parish Events**
 - Seasonal party at Family Shelter – **Shelter the homeless**
 - Serve at Immacare Shelter, work at Mid-West Food bank – **Feed the hungry**
 - Parish Outreach – Sandwich making, St. Vincent De Paul Society – **Feed**
 - Clothing drives, blessing bags for homeless – **Cloth the Naked**
 - Harbor Chase / Alto and other Senior Center events – **Visit the sick**
- **All Parish sponsor events will be on SIGN-UP GENIUS**
- New [FORM](#) and [Google classroom entry](#)





Sr. Karen Presentation

Chosen Access, Make-up directions, Formed, Confirmation packet,
Confirmation Resources, Forms to be signed today

Discovering My God Given Gifts



Why Gifts?



- Why do you think someone would give this as a gift?
- What could this be used for?
- Would it make sense to receive a gift and never use it?
- What would happen if the world had this gift but no one used it?

Spiritual Gifts - Charisms

- *Just like this gift has a purpose, God gives each of us gifts—real gifts—that are meant to be used. Not just for ourselves, but to help build up the world, the Church, and the people around us.*
- *Today we're going to explore what some of those gifts might be in you.*
- *7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit:*
 - **Wisdom – Understanding – Knowledge – Courage – Trust in God – Right Judgement – Wonder and Awe – MAKE GOOD CHOICES**
 - **Charisms – Spiritual Gifts – Serve others and build the church**
 - **Examples: Encouragement, Teaching, Leadership, Service, Mercy**
- The **Gifts of the Holy Spirit** help you become **the person God made you to be**, and your own **spiritual gifts** help **you bless the world** around you.

Small groups / Parent with Teen

- **Activity #1:** What does the Bible Say about spiritual gifts
 - Pick a bible verse / passage and engage in discussion questions.
- **Activity #2:** Emerging Spiritual Gifts – Inventory
 - Read each statement and circle the appropriate answer:
 - **What “Often” usually means:**
 - This gift shows up naturally
 - You enjoy using it
 - Others may already notice it in you
 - It energizes you rather than drains you
 - **What “Sometimes” usually means:**
 - A developing gift
 - A gift that appears in certain situations
 - Something that could grow with encouragement
 - **What “Not really” usually means:**
 - Not a sign of failure – just part of your uniqueness
 - Not a primary gift right now
 - Not something that gives you confidence or brings you enjoyment



Journaling (Notes in Chosen book)

- Identify your **Top 2-3 categories** (based on “Most Often” responses). **Write in your Journal.**
- For each Charism category, answer the following:
 - **How could God use this gift in me to help others?**
 - **Are there challenges in using this gift God gave me?**





Back-up

Integrate Program with the MASS

- Tied in several classes with the Mass
- Active participation – Lector, Collectors, Gifts
 - All must volunteer – Lectors double credit!
- Members of parish community – BE REVERENT
- Encounter Christ in the Eucharist
- Importance of a weekly reset
- Value of scripture in our daily lives

