

## Outline of Confirmation Program 2016-2018

I have printed this copy of notes so you can follow along with what we are discussing this evening.

7<sup>th</sup> graders – first class of two year program

Mandatory Parent Meeting for parents May 25<sup>th</sup> giving them copy of prayers and questions and verifying requirements of two year program and what is expected by end of 7<sup>th</sup> grade school year.

### RETREAT

- They will participate in a retreat in the **winter of 2017** (Jordan Langbeen)
- The Retreat Date **IS Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> 10:00 am – 3:00 PM** Cost - **\$5.00** donation to cover their lunch to be collected on day of retreat. Their mentors are asked to attend as well.

### Commitment Mass

- They will participate in Commitment Mass fall 2016 (no date yet)

### TESTING CENTER-

- Testing will be available before and after class beginning 2<sup>nd</sup> class in September K of C for both prayers and questions.
- The teachers will receive weekly progress reports as to how their students are doing and contact parents when necessary.
- The students will be tested on this information again in 8<sup>th</sup> grade (the goal is retention not to 'quick get it done').

7<sup>th</sup> Grade Service Project will be feeding the needy. It was explained at registration back in April that your student should begin saving for meals for the needy. Each student will need to contribute \$40 toward meals they will be preparing.

**WHEN** – Last Sunday of month beginning Oct – April, 2016-2017

Dates will be supplied in September (keep in mind last Sunday of the month)

We will begin shortly after 1:30 mass. There are 7 available dates. They will need to do at least 5 of these dates, but we are hoping they will appreciate the need for what they are doing and be moved to come for all 7. They are encouraged to bring one friend if they would like and give them an opportunity to share the need for what they are doing with others. Family is always welcome to help! We anticipate it taking about an hour.

Mrs. Tina Tocco has been gracious enough to bring this need for meals to our attention and has offered to get the supplies each month so the sooner your child can turn in their \$40.00 donation, the easier it will be for her to buy the supplies each month.

Next year their service hours will be for our church. The lesson begins with supporting needy in their community and supporting their parish where volunteers are always needed for it to flourish. Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Students will be taught out of both 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Faith & Life Series

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade book (Chapters: 7-10, 13-30)
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade book (Chapters 1-8)

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### **Mentors/Sponsors**

Your students will need mentor by first week of class in September. Father Ben or I can assist you in finding a mentor if you child is unable to find one.

- Introduce Jean Mikelonis (if she is there)– she will be overseeing the mentors  
jeanmikelonis@gmail.com
- Need mentor forms turned in by first week of class (allowing summer to secure mentor and have form completed) Please bring to catechism or drop off in parish office.

### **Homeschoolers**

- Homeschoolers will have same requirements and will be asked to come for testing throughout the year, use the Faith and Life Series for designated chapters in addition to daily religion they already do and participate in service projects and retreats. There will be testing times available before, during and after class for Homeschoolers on Catechism Nights.

### **Next year**

#### **FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADE CLASSES BEGINNING 2017 -2018 (school year)**

- **Service Hours, Essay, 2 Retreats, Commitment Mass, class attendance/participation will be the requirements in addition to being retested on all prayers and questions. Again, we want them to retain the information.**
- **Matthew Kelly Decision Point Books will be used**

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