

## **St. Joseph Confirmation Expectations**

The Faith Formation Department is pleased to be a part of your teen's faith journey. As they move toward Confirmation, our goal is to support the spiritual guidance that you've been providing your teen for years! As we partner with you on this journey, we hope to enrich it through our catechesis, service projects and love of the Lord. The following is a list of expectations we feel will make the most of this partnership.

### **Year One Expectations:**

- Students will weekly attend RE class
- Parents will attend 1 parent meeting
- Students will receive a Confirmation Book that will be used in the classroom only.
- Students should decide on and invite Confirmation Sponsor
- Students can begin to think about selecting a Confirmation name. There will be many class activities and discussions to help them make a choice.
- Students will begin a Serve and Learn Journal – The purpose of this journal is to help our teens truly understand and appreciate our call to serve others.
  - They are expected to participate in 10 different service activities throughout the year.
    - 3 home experiences
    - 3 community experiences
    - 2 church experiences – helping at a church
    - 2 enrichment experiences – attending a spiritual service/activity (Sunday mass does not count)
  - Students will use the attached form as a guide to facilitate the journaling process. This is a very important part of the process as it gives them a chance to reflect on their experience.
  - Students will present their journals in class throughout the year.

### **Year Two Expectations**

- Students will weekly attend RE class
- Parents will attend 1 parent meeting
- There will be TWO Confirmation Activities – one in the fall and one in the spring. These will take place during regularly scheduled class time.
- Students continue to work on their Serve and Learn Journals – they are expected to participate in 10 different activities than Year 1. The same form as discussed above will be used for the journaling process.
- Students will write letter to Father Mike. This letter should be a prayerful reflection that expresses their desire to be confirmed. It could include examples of what they have learned throughout their preparation.
- Students will participate in a group interview with a member of our staff. The purpose of this meeting is for them to reflect upon their Confirmation preparation.
- Students and their sponsors will attend a retreat at St. Joseph's