

## 2012 Confirmation Process Syllabus

### Expectations:

#### 1. ATTENDANCE:

- a) Mandatory (**41 sessions** including the Confirmation masses/adoration/3 days retreat). Roll call will be taken at the beginning of the class (session) after the opening prayer.
- b) Friday sessions will start promptly at **6:30 pm ending at 8:45 pm** (Unless otherwise informed) starting October 7, 2011.
- c) Tardiness – after the 3<sup>rd</sup> tardiness – it may be a major concern and attention will be addressed. If you anticipate being late please call ahead @ 408-836-3842 to credit your attendance. You will be marked absence during roll call if no prior awareness was made.
- d) Class Format –
  - 10 min. – beginning of class – prayer, roll call and journal writing
  - 25-30 min – teaching
  - 35-40 min – group sharing/interactive exercises
  - 10-15 min - big group sharing/interactive exercises
  - 5-10 min. – wrap up, discuss next week's session and prayer
- e) Early release – A dated written request signed by a parent or guardian is required on anyone to leave early during any sessions before the scheduled time of dismissal. You will only be released to a parent or guardian listed on the emergency data form. The parent/guardian may indicate an alternate adult to pick-up their son/daughter on the early release form. Releases for earlier or later times will be for 30 minutes only. **Any time exceeding 30 minutes constitutes an absence.**
- f) Retreat – starts Friday to Sunday – **(June 1 – June 3)** more information will be given at a later date.

#### 2. PARTICIPATION:

- a) 100% participation is expected especially in the groups sharing and discussions.
- b) Community service and Confirmation/Masses – **10 hours of Community service is expected from everyone along with 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Mass involvements** starting October 16, 2011. You must sign up for either one of the following services: altar server (if already at SJB), usher, greeter, choir or choir setup and pull down or participation as a Reader for the Intercessory Prayers of the Faithful.
- c) There is a zero **tolerance for harassment and bullying in this Confirmation Process.**  
**Responsibility:**
  1. **Everyone has to conduct themselves in a manner, which contributes in a positive environment.**
  2. **Avoid any activity that may be considered discriminatory, intimidating, harassing or bullying.**
  3. **Immediately tell anyone who is harassing or bullying that their behavior is offensive and unwelcome.**
  4. **Cease any behavior upon being told that it is perceived as discriminatory, intimidating, harassing or bullying.**
  5. **Report all incidents to any of the catechist and volunteers immediately.**
- d) A two (3) page typed essay paper (@ 1.5 spacing with MAX font size of 12pt) will be required on the topic of any Saint selection you choose for Confirmation.

3. RESOURCES:

- a) Student handbook, Journal and Bible will be issued and everyone must bring these items to class unless otherwise instructed by the Coordinator beforehand.
- b) Videos, books will be available when the sessions are given but most of the resources are from St. Mary's Press.
- c) Program Topics:

Resource Confirmed in Faithful Community (book)– St. Mary's Press (*Friday Classes*)

Personal Uniqueness: Promise & Pain

Faith: More than the Eye can see

Trusting in God

The Church: A Community of Disciples

Prepare the Way of the Lord: Jesus Identity is Reveal

The Reign of God: Jesus Mission

Parables & Miracles: Jesus Teaches & Heals

Sin: An Obstacle to the Reign of God

Jesus Rejected: The Meaning of the Cross

The Resurrection – God is Victorious

Pentecost: Gift of the Spirit

Guided & Strengthened by the Holy Spirit

Prayer: Communion with God

Christian Morality: What does Love Look Like?

Sacrament of Initiation

Baptism: Born in the Holy Spirit

Confirmation: Sealed with the Holy Spirit and Celebrating the Rite

The Eucharist: Nourished through the Holy Spirit

Mission Life after Confirmation: Moving on in the Spirit of Jesus

**Thursday Session with Parents/Sponsors (*once a month*)**

Resource: Family Ideas for Ministry with Young Teen – St. Mary's Press

Dare to Share

A Celebration of Culture

Birth Order

Decisions, Decisions

Faith Connecting

Serve Others Day / Being Catholic

A Mother-Daughter / Father-Son gathering about sexuality

**After Adoration (*Friday-once a month*)**

Resource: Discovering Program – St. Mary's Press

Understanding Myself

Learning to Communicate

Making Decisions

Praying

Celebrating Eucharist

Growing Up Sexually

**3 DAY RETREAT**

Mission after Confirmation

Confirmation Rites

Ceremonial Procedures

A session on saints and why it is necessary to pick a saint for confirmation

4. CONTACTS: Parish Office – (408) 262-2546 ext 307 or email address at [edlizasacto@comcast.net](mailto:edlizasacto@comcast.net)  
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