

ST. JOSEPH PARISH PRESENTS



2020 - 2021 CONFIRMATION PLAN

HELPING YOUR YOUNG PERSON PREPARE FOR THE JOURNEY AHEAD

APPLICATION PROCESS

REGISTRATION OPEN FROM AUGUST 17 - OCTOBER 19, 2020

STEPS TO GET STARTED:

1. COMPLETE ONLINE REGISTRATION FORM
2. COMPLETE 500 WORD ESSAY OR 3 MINUTE VIDEO AND SUBMIT TO GOOGLE DRIVE*
3. SELECT YOUR CONFIRMATION SPONSOR SELECTED**
4. RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS FOR FIRST SESSION AND GETTING STARTED

CATECHESIS FOR CONFIRMATION

ONCE REGISTERED...

CANDIDATES AND SPONSORS WILL RECEIVE INSTRUCTIONS TO BEGIN THEIR ONE ON ONE SESSIONS. THERE ARE SIX SESSIONS THAT SHOULD TAKE PLACE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR (OCTOBER 2020 - APRIL 2021)

THE RETREAT...

WILL TAKE PLACE NOVEMBER 7&8 AT O'DWYER RETREAT HOUSE. IT WILL NOT BE OVERNIGHT AND THERE WILL BE A REMOTE OPTION. FURTHER DETAILS ON THE RETREAT WILL BE AVAILABLE IN MID SEPTEMBER.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN...

IN JANUARY OF 2021 AND WILL BE OFFERED VIRTUALLY. CANDIDATES AND THEIR SPONSORS WILL BE ASKED TO ATTEND. THERE WILL BE FOUR CLASSES.

SERVICE FOR CONFIRMATION

WE DO NOT LOG HOURS; HOWEVER, WE DO EXPECT TEENS TO GET INVOLVED. ST. JOSEPH PARISH OFFERS A VARIETY OF SEASONAL AND REGULAR OPPORTUNITIES IN OUTREACH AND MINISTRY.

CANDIDATES WHO ALREADY SERVE REGULARLY

DO NOT NEED TO DO ADDITIONAL SERVICE; HOWEVER, WE WILL REACH OUT TO THEM TO ASSESS THEIR CURRENT EXPERIENCE. CANDIDATES WHO ARE CURRENTLY INVOLVED WILL HAVE OPPORTUNITIES TO STRENGTHEN THEIR LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT.

CANDIDATES WHO ARE NOT ACTIVELY SERVING

WE WILL WORK WITH SPONSOR, PARENTS AND CANDIDATES TO FIND SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN THE PARISH. OUR HOPE IS THAT A CANDIDATE COMMITS TO A PROJECT VIA OUTREACH OR SERVES IN A SPECIFIC MINISTRY DURING THEIR PREPARATION PROCESS.

FAQ AND REQUIREMENTS

WILL MATERIALS BE OFFERED IN SPANISH?

YES, WE'VE TRANSLATED OUR MATERIALS FOR CANDIDATES, SPONSORS AND PARENTS WHO'S PRIMARY LANGUAGE IS SPANISH.

WHEN IS THE MASS?

WE ARE CURRENTLY WAITING FOR THE BISHOP'S SCHEDULE BUT OUR HOPE IS THAT IT WILL BE IN LATE MARCH/MID APRIL

WHAT IS REQUIRED OF MY SPONSOR?

- MUST BE A PRACTICING CATHOLIC
- MUST BE AT LEAST 18 YEARS OLD
- CANNOT BE A PARENT
- MUST MEET WITH CANDIDATE 6 TIMES (YOU DETERMINE YOUR OWN SCHEDULE)
- ATTENDS 4 VIRTUAL CLASSES W/ CANDIDATE FROM LATE JANUARY - MID FEBRUARY 2021

WHAT IF I CAN'T FIGURE OUT A SPONSOR?

WE WILL HELP YOU DISCERN AND IDENTIFY SOMEONE WITHIN THE PARISH OR YOUR LIFE.

WHAT IF MY SPONSOR STRUGGLES WITH FAITH?

WHILE WE WILL PROVIDE FORMATION AND SUPPORT FOR SPONSORS, IT'S IMPORTANT TO PICK SOMEONE WHO IS PASSIONATE ABOUT THEIR CATHOLICISM.

WHAT IF MY SPONSOR IS OUT OF TOWN?

ALL OF OUR RESOURCES AND TRAININGS WILL BE VIRTUAL AND REMOTE. WHILE HAVING SOMEONE LOCAL IS IDEAL, WE KNOW THAT'S NOT ALWAYS POSSIBLE.

WHAT CONTENT WILL BE COVERED?

WE WILL COVER THE FOLLOWING SUBJECTS: PRAYER LIFE SACRAMENTAL LIFE. WITNESSING. SERVICE. STEWARDSHIP. CONFIRMATION SYMBOLISM AND MEANING