

Parent Confirmation Meeting 2011

Opening Prayer: Msgr. John

Introductions: Chris Van Gessel

Presenter: Meg Hanlon

Handouts: Chris

Concluding Comments and Prayer: Msgr. John

Parent Check List...

1. Make sure your Candidate attends at least one Confirmation Retreat
 - _____ Diocesan Youth Rally on Dec. 3rd, registration due Nov. 16th
 - _____ Parish Confirmation Retreat Feb. 11, 2012 (all day)
 - _____ Attend at another parish, have their DRE send verification to Mrs. Amick
2. Attend one of two parent information meetings.
3. If your Candidate *did not* make their First Holy Communion here at St. Vincent's, please fax or provide a copy of their Baptismal certificate to the Religious Ed office. Fax #: 260-497-9405. This information is due by Jan. 19, 2012
4. Assist your Candidate in selecting a sponsor and writing a letter of request.
5. Help your Candidate in researching and selecting a saint's name.
6. Turn in the CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE INFORMATION SHEET no later than January 19, 2012.
7. Encourage your child to attend at least one evening of EDGE (our Junior High social and catechetical program). EDGE meets in the church gathering space on Monday evenings usually twice a month from 7 to 8:45. The next gathering will be November 28th. Their schedule tries to hold to the 2nd and 4th Mondays of each month, barring holidays and holy days. If you would like more information contact Lindsey Klinker at the church office: 489-3537.
8. Service Hours Verification forms are due to the religious education office by Wednesday, March 28st.

9. As the date nears and you begin shopping for clothes please adhere to the dress code for Confirmation, included in this packet and will be posted on the parish website (saintv.org) under programs and committees - religious education
10. Confirmation is scheduled for Monday, May 14th, 2012, 7 PM. Candidates are to be in the gathering space *absolutely no later than 6:20 PM*. The procession of the Candidates will begin at 6:45. Bishop Rhoades asks that the Confirmation Liturgy start promptly at 7 PM.
11. Rehearsal for Confirmation: Saturday, May 12th, either at 10 or 10:30 AM, it should last an hour. The exact time will be confirmed closer to the date.
12. How to contact Chris... 260-241-5325, email mjbcvg@frontier.com ('j' not i)

****** Adults volunteering for the Dec. 3rd Confirmation Rally ******

New diocesan requirements for the protection of our youth...

"... Will be required to have completed the diocesan Safe Environment program screenings prior to the event or within the last five years". Screenings means... view the video (available on line) and complete a form to be used for a background check.

"There must be three adult chaperones for every 14 youth. We ask that all groups congregate at another location (our school parking lot) and travel together to the Rally. Participants may not be dropped off or picked up at the site directly."

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