

CONFIRMATION 2018 (Year ONE) CALENDAR OF LESSONS '16 - '17

TEXT: Decision Point: by Matthew Kelly

TOPIC: The mission of this program is to re-energize the Catholic Church in America by developing world-class resources that inspire people to rediscover the genius of Catholicism. The vision is to be the innovative leader in the New Evangelization helping Catholics and their parishes become the best versions of themselves. It is the sincere hope of the Religious Education Team at Assumption that this Sacrament of Initiation deepens our young people's relationship with God and with the Church. We hope that they will become more aware of the presence and action of the Spirit and his gifts within them, which empower them to live as Jesus did. They will discover ways to fulfill the specific responsibilities that are theirs as Christians.

<u>DATE:</u>	<u>Session Theme:</u>	<u>FOCUS:</u>
9/18/16	Orientation: Candidate/Parent Meeting	-To become familiar with the preparation process and meet the Catechists and their class.
10/16/16	Life is Choices:	-To remind candidates that they make hundreds of choices every day and that every choice has consequences. -To help candidates become better decision makers. -To demonstrate how God's way and the way of the world are very different, and invite candidates to choose to walk with God.
11/20/16	What's holding you back?	-To demonstrate that all paths are not equal and that there is such a thing as objective truth. -To teach candidates to recognize patterns of <i>stinking thinking</i> in their lives. -To help candidates recognize who and what is holding them back from living the incredible life God invites them to.
12/11/16	The Jesus Question:	-Encourage candidates to rediscover Jesus and to reassess the role he should be playing in their lives. -To teach candidates that Jesus and his teachings are the answer to the problems we face in our lives and in the world. .To help candidates recognize the power and importance of having a personal relationship with Jesus.

Retreat Permission Slips due to Catechists no later than 12/11/16.

1/22/17	The Prayer Process:	-To teach the candidates how to pray. -To demonstrate that the way prayer helps is by helping us discover God's will for our lives, and that we cannot ever truly be happy outside of God's will. -To encourage the candidates to develop a daily routine of prayer. Rite of Entrance celebrated at 5:30 Youth Mass.
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Sponsor Forms due to Catechists no later than 1/22/17.

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2/26/17	The Bible:	-To give candidates a general introduction to the bible. -To demonstrate that the Word of God is a practical and powerful source of inspiration and direction in our lives. -To encourage candidates to develop the habit of reading the Bible regularly.
3/11/17 (Sat.)	Confirmation Retreat	-Day long retreat for Years 1 and 2 candidates. More info to follow.
4/2/17	Relationships:	-Establish the purpose of relationships and that the most important relationship in our lives is with God. -Teach candidates how to make good decisions in the area of relationships. -Demonstrate that developing healthy relationships is essential to the life God is calling us to live.
5/21/17	End of the Year BBQ	

June – August

SUMMER BREAK

2017/2018 Schedule to be determined in Spring of 2017

- 1) Exact date of Confirmation will be determined by the Bishop during late summer 2017.
- 2) There will be a 2nd retreat experience during Year 2 that the candidates will be expected to attend.

****Candidates and their families are strongly encouraged to attend the weekly Youth & Family Mass being offered Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. Groups will meet immediately following Mass until 8pm.**

Being on time is expected. Attendance is mandatory.