

CONFIRMATION 2017 (Year TWO) 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>
9/11/16	Orientation: Candidate/Parent Meeting	-Discuss with parents and candidates the goals, objectives and expectations
10/9/16	The Eucharist:	-Demonstrate that there are many myths surrounding the Eucharist and to dispel those myths. -Establish that Jesus is truly present in the Eucharist and that it is an incredible gift to each of us through the Church. -Teach candidates how to enter into a Eucharistic relationship with God, and to explain the transformational power the Eucharist can have in their lives.
10/23/16	The Holy Spirit:	-Demonstrate the practical power of the gifts and fruits of the Holy Spirit. -Help candidates recognize the promptings of the Holy Spirit. -Teach candidates to allow the Holy Spirit to guide them in their decisions.
11/6/16	The Church:	-Demonstrate that there are lots of reasons to be proud to be Catholic. -Teach candidates that the church is a part of God's plan for humanity. -Help candidates recognize that the Church can play a powerful role in their lives, and that they play a unique and vital role in the mission of the Church.
11/20/16	Bishop Meets with Confirmation Candidates	-Bishop Serratelli meets with Confirmation Candidates from the diocese at St. Paul Inside the Walls from 2:30-5pm.
12/18/16	Confirmation:	-Demonstrate that candidates are personally called and chosen by God, but they are responsible for how they respond to that call. -Teach candidates how to prepare to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. -Help candidates recognize that Confirmation is not the end of something, but the beginning of an incredible new phase in their faith journey.

***Retreat Permission Slips due to Catechists no later than 12/18/16.
Sponsor Forms due to Catechists no later than 12/18/16.***

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1/8/17	Made for Mission:	-Demonstrate that when people abandon God and his ways, the world becomes a mess. -Teach candidates that God created them on purpose and for a purpose. -Help candidates discover the mission God is calling them to. Rite of Covenant celebrated at 5:30 Youth Mass.
1/22/17	ACRE TEST 10am at the School	An assessment test for Parish Religious Education Programs
2/12/17	Holiness is Possible:	-Help candidates recognize that there is a connection between happiness and holiness. -Demonstrate holiness is possible. -Teach candidates how to say yes to God and that their yes can make a huge difference.

***Confirmation Name Forms due to Catechists no later than 2/12/17.
Service Hours Form due to Catechists no later than 2/12/17.***

3/11/17 (Sat.)	Confirmation Retreat	-Retreat for Year 1 and 2 candidates. More information to follow.
3/19/17	Confirmation Rehearsal (4:00-5:00pm & 6:30-7:30pm)	
3/25/17 (Sat.)	Confirmation (10:30am & 2:00 pm)	
5/21/17	End of the Year BBQ	

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

Being on time is expected. Attendance is mandatory.