

## CONFIRMATION 2023 (Year TWO) CALENDAR OF LESSONS '23 - '24

**TEXT:** *Called to Mercy* by Saint Mary's Press (Digital) & the *YOUCAT*

**TOPIC:** *Called to Mercy's* Confirmation curriculum combines the flexibility of digital learning with the power of community interaction. The result: engaging, relevant, and deeply reflective opportunities for a true spiritual conversion to lives that give witness to Jesus' call and the Church's mission of mercy.

<b><u>DATE:</u></b>	<b><u>Session Theme:</u></b>	<b><u>FOCUS:</u></b>
9/6/23 & 9/7/23	<b>Parent Orientation:</b> On Zoom 7:30pm	-Discuss with parents the goals, objectives and expectations & familiarization with the preparation process
9/10/23	<b>First Gathering</b> <b>Gathered Session Three</b> <b>From Called To Mercy</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-This focuses on the theme of living out our call to mercy by "doing what we believe." The youth will explore ways they can "do what they believe" in their everyday lives. This session will help the youth to think more deeply about the call to be witnesses of mercy in the world. It will also help them to recognize God's love as the source of real happiness (joy) and to understand that giving of ourselves out of love deepens our joy.
10/1/23	<b>Module 6: When We Hurt</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-When We Hurt & Ways We Hurt Others -Can I Forgive? -Forgiveness of Sin -How We Heal the Hurt  YOUCAT: The Sacraments of Healing pg #224 - 247 Sin, Forgiveness, & God's Mercy #312 - 320
11/5/23	<b>Module 7: What's It All About?</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-Dignity & Things That Diminish It -The Great Commandment -It is God-Given  YOUCAT: The Dignity of the Human Person #280 You Shall Love the Lord Your God #352 - 366 You Shall Love Your Neighbor as Yourself #367 -468
12/3/23	<b>Module 8: It's Me And We</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	-Part of the Team -More Spiritual or More Religious? - Me & We -The Church: More Than Mass -It Looks Like This!  YOUCAT: Human Community #321 - 332 The Church #343 - 347 The Sacrament of the Eucharist #208 - 223
1/7/24	<b>Module 9: Beyond These Walls</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	- Outward Looking - One Small Step -Living the Call of Mercy -Let's Change the World!

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL: Seven Themes of Catholic Social Teaching & Service

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2/4/24	<b>Module 10: Confirmed to Witness Mercy</b> Begins with Mass 5:30pm - 8:00pm	- Almost There & What To Expect - What's Most Meaningful - Professing the Faith - The Meaning  YOUCAT: The Christian Profession of the Faith #25 - 29 The Sacrament of Confirmation #203 - 207 (Review)
3/3/24	<b>Confirmation Retreat</b> 2:00pm - 6:30pm	The retreat focuses on the theme of mercy and allows the young people to explore their own stories of encounters of mercy in their lives—when they have experienced mercy and when they have not.  The Candidates are led in a process of writing a story of desire for their own life, imagining how they desire to live a life rooted in, and giving witness to, mercy. As they consider how this might look for themselves, they are invited to reflect on the stories of Jesus, spiritual guides, and the saints, as well as the call of the Church.
4/6/24	<b>Confirmation Mass</b>	
4/14/24	<b>Mystagogia for the Newly Confirmed</b> 6:30pm - 7:30pm	This gathered session comes after the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation. It focuses on the experience of receiving Confirmation and recalls the elements and activities of the entire preparation process.  The session helps the young people reflect on the process, express their gratitude for the guidance and community they have experienced through program leaders and peer relationships, and affirm the commitment they have made.

**\*\*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.***