



Dear Confirmation Candidate:

Your parish family welcomes you to confirmation preparation!

Please take time to print out and look over your summer Confirmation journal, which can be found on the Religious Education page of the Our Lady of La Salette website (www.lasalette-church.org). This Confirmation journal may seem overwhelming at first but I assure you it was created to be user friendly. You will have approximately two weeks to complete each section.

Take time each week to sit down with your packet and do the assignments. Be sure to take time to reflect on each page. Writing out each word will help you take a closer look at the words you recite as a Catholic and spend time meditating on what they mean to you as a Confirmation candidate. Some prayers and Catholic teachings will be expected to be memorized while others you will be expected to only reflect upon.

During our September meeting I will go over the details more thoroughly. For now keep praying, going to church, spending time with other people of faith, and living out the word of God. While living out God's word we are each called to serve our community. Between now and February 20 you will be expected to complete 30 hours of community service. These hours can include ministry work (alter serving and Children's Participation Mass) as well as service done in the community at large. Ten of these 30 hours will be completed during our monthly Sunday meetings.

A few years ago, the Confirmation class asked if it would be okay to do RANDOM ACTS OF KINDNESS. They felt it necessary to do some things for which they would not get credit. The important thing is that you practice safety when doing any community service. Be sure your parent is aware of where you are at all times. Get your family and friends involved if possible. Giving to others is a great way to build friendships and grow as a family. Fill out a community service card after each service opportunity.

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**Children's Participation Mass and
Corporal Works of Mercy in Action**

Confirmation Candidates will be expected to join us the third Sunday of each month from October through February. The youth of La Salette will participate during the 9:30 am Mass in various forms of Ministry including offertory, ushers, greeters, and lectors.

Following Mass we will gather in the Father Landry Center for hospitality. Our Confirmation Candidates will lead the parish in a community service project based on the Corporal Works of Mercy. We will adjourn our day at 12:30 pm. Stay tuned for details.

Thank you,
Stacie Sniezek
Pastoral Associate for Religious Education

Confirmation Parent Handout

At confirmation we receive the power and gifts of the Holy Spirit, which strengthen us and allow us to lead a faith-filled, active, and committed Catholic Christian life in the Church and world today.

Program Components

Our Confirmation program has six components: family life, classes, Confirmation Candidate Sundays, prayer, service, and retreat.

Your **family life** is the first component of our program. Confirmation is an once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for spiritual growth. It is essential that you take these next several months in helping your child prepare for this Blessed Sacrament. Please stress the importance of being an active Catholic. The summer packet was created to help the candidate have a tactile representation of their efforts in fulfilling his or her obligations to prepare for this Sacrament.

The **class** component is built into the **OLLS School Curriculum** as well as the **OLLS after school Religious Education Curriculum**. Our Catechists will be working closely with Stacie Sniezek, DRE, to ensure each candidate is being prepared in accordance with the Catechesis of the Catholic Church.

Confirmation Candidate Sundays (Third Sunday of each month, October – February) – We will begin by worshipping together at 9:30 am Mass. Then we will meet in the Father Landry Center for faith sharing, community service and hospitality.

Prayer is an important part of all Christians' lives. Prayer allows individuals to build/maintain an intimate relationship with the Lord.

Service, the fifth component, is essential to a mature Catholic life. 10 service hours will be completed during **Confirmation Candidate Sundays**. 20 additional hours are to be completed before January 20, 2011.

Retreat. Our candidates will participate in an overnight retreat on the La Salette campus. This retreat is sponsored by our Y.O.U.T.H. S.T.A.F.F. and is supervised by Stacie Sniezek, Pastoral Associate for Religious Education, Caryn MacDonald, Y.O.U.T.H. S.T.A.F.F. Director, and catechists.

Calendar Items

September 13, 2010

7:00 pm, Parent/Candidate Meeting (will conclude at 7:45 pm)

October 17, 2010

9:30am Youth Participation Mass, followed by Corporal Works of Mercy Sunday (will conclude at 12:30 pm)

November 21, 2010

9:30am Youth Participation Mass, followed by Corporal Works of Mercy Sunday (will conclude at 12:30 pm)

December, Date TBA

Mass at Our Lady of the Rosary Parish and delivery of Giving Tree gifts

December 19, 2010

9:30am Youth Participation Mass (Corporal Work of Mercy completed with Giving Tree delivery)

January 16, 2011 (tentative)

9:30am Youth Participation Mass, followed by Corporal Works of Mercy Sunday (will conclude at 12:30 pm)

February 20, 2011 (tentative)

9:30am Youth Participation Mass, followed by Corporal Works of Mercy Sunday (will conclude at 12:30 pm)

Confirmation Retreat, Date TBA (January or February, depending on date assigned for Confirmation)

Service Project Slips

Each Confirmation Candidate should complete a total of 30 hours of community service. Ten of these hours will be earned at our Corporal Works of Mercy Sundays. Please complete an entry for each service project. Print out as many pages as you need.

Description of Project:

Place:

Date:

Time Involved:

Signature/Phone Number of Supervisor:

How did this experience help you grow in your faith journey?

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