

CONFIRMATION ASSIGNMENT

Over the summer please complete the following Confirmation Assignment which is broken into four sections; Patron Saint, Gospel Reading, Questions & Answers, and Letter of Request. You will need to do some research for this assignment. You are encouraged to involve family members, your sponsor, and others in helping you find answers. Books and websites such as: www.catholic.org, www.catholic-forum.com, and www.ewtn.com might also be useful when looking for answers. Answers should be typewritten and in your own words. Turn the finished Confirmation Assignment into the Youth Ministry office on or before the next Large Group Meeting which is scheduled for Sunday, September 7, 2008 from 7:00-9:00 p.m. in the church.

SECTION I: PATRON SAINT

- Choose a Patron Saint (it might be the one you chose for your Confirmation name or another with special meaning to you).
- Research the life of that saint.
- Write a one page paper on your saint. Include in your paper the answers to the following questions:
 1. Why did you pick this saint and how does he or she serve as a model and inspiration of Christian living for you?
 2. What significance does this saint have in how you will live your life?

SECTION II: GOSPEL READING

- Read one of the four Gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John) from beginning to end. (Fr. Ted recommends the Gospel of Luke.)
- Write a report on the Gospel you read using the following questions in your report. Please cite chapter and verse when answering questions:
 1. What was your favorite scripture passage from this gospel and why?
 2. What short quote from this gospel will you choose to memorize and use in your daily prayer?
 3. What is your favorite saying of Jesus? You can give more than one, several if you like.
 4. Of all the signs and wonders Jesus did in the Gospel you read, which one stood out for you and why?
 5. Jesus was a storyteller. What is the story or parable that meant something to you?
 6. Find an incident, parable or miracle which you hadn't known about before this time. Why did this make an impression on you?
 7. Find a place in the Gospel where Mary, Jesus' mother, is mentioned. Describe the scene.
 8. Copy from the Gospel you read, an event that occurred or phrase that was said during the account of Jesus' passion and death on the cross that made an impact on you. How did this have an impact on you?
 9. Why is the Resurrection the most important testimony of all events in the Gospel?

SECTION III: QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

1. Write the Ten Commandments. Which one do you think teens have the most problem following? Why?
2. What are the Seven Capital Sins?
3. Describe how you usually pray.
4. Call to mind two people who have had an influence in your life. What about their lives influenced you? How do you think God was using these people in your life?
5. Recall a time when you felt close to God in a Catholic worship service.
6. Identify a ministry or church organization/group in which you played an active role or would like to play an active role in. After Confirmation how would you like to be more involved with the church community?
7. Write the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit.
8. Write the Twelve Fruits of the Holy Spirit.
9. What are the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy? In the last two years, how have you and your Small Christian Community shown these works to others?
10. What are the Seven Laws or Precepts of the Church?

SECTION IV: LETTER OF REQUEST

Each candidate will prepare a formal letter of request for reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. The letter of request will be presented to Bishop Sartain. The content of the letter should be in your own words. It should indicate your parish and town. You should indicate why you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation and how you have prepared for the reception of the sacrament. Tell the Bishop how your faith has grown and who and what helped you in that growth process. Mention who your sponsor is and why you chose that person. Also indicate your Confirmation name and what significance that name has for you. Finally, relate to the Bishop how you are going to participate in the life of the church and contribute to the building up of God's people after Confirmation.

The letter should be prepared with respect for the Bishop, that is, on clean stationery or paper (not on loose leaf paper or sheets torn out of a tablet). It should be written in pen, neatly, without erasures and scratched out words, in letter format or it can be printed from a computer. Also, please do not fold or place the letter in a sealed envelope.