

10th Grade St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation

2018-19

During this year, you will begin your preparation for Confirmation. What is Confirmation? **Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empower us to be witnesses to Christ (CCC1302-1305).** Mass attendance, service, building a supportive community, retreats, exploring our faith, and prayer are opportunities to encounter Jesus and essential practices for an active Catholic and a witness to Christ! Below are experiences and practices we hope you will embrace for years to come.

☐ Attend Confirmation Sessions:

Attendance at all Confirmation sessions is necessary and expected. You are an important part of your small group, and you and your group benefit from your perspective and presence. We recognize emergencies and illnesses occur, so if you will miss a meeting, please email Ann Esping at AEsping@stvictoria.org before 4pm the day of the confirmation session.

Oct 3 ____ Oct 10 ____ Oct 24 ____ Nov 7 ____ Nov 14 ____ Nov 28 ____ Dec 5 ____ Dec 12 ____ Dec 19 ____ Jan 9 ____ Jan 23 ____
Jan 30 ____ Feb 6 ____ Feb 13 ____ Feb 20 ____ Feb 27 ____ Mar 13 ____

☐ Attend Weekly Mass and Complete Reflection in Confirmation notebook

Weekly Mass is a Catholic necessity. Mass isn't a duty, but an experience to build our faith through scripture, traditional practices, prayer, and Eucharist. We encourage each family establish the practice of listening to scripture and the homily, reflecting on it, and translating it into action in our lives. This year, each teen is asked to bring their Confirmation notebook to Mass and write a 3-5 sentences reflection in their notebook. Notebooks should be turned in on the Soundboard table after Mass. Ideally, this is a weekly habit, but we ask that the notebook be turned in a minimum of 10 times during the year.

☐ Student/Parent Participation

Parent participation in the teen's Confirmation journey is essential. To enable greater parent participation, we send weekly emails with topics and questions for weekly discussion, hold student/parent retreats, and hold FACE AND HANDS family events on Sunday nights. Attendance is expected.

☐ Kick-Off Parent/Student Event – SEPT 9 (6:30 – 8:30pm)

☐ Weekly Faith Discussion *****

Watch your email for brief synopsis on our weekly topics along with questions for discussion with your son/daughter.

☐ Attend 2 Face and Hands Family Events for Parents and Students: OCT 28 and FEB 10 (6pm – 8pm)

Our FACE and HANDS events marry inspired and powerful speakers, energetic contemporary music, hospitality, and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mass together. Teens will turn in event reflection at the event, so ensure you pick up one and turn it in.

☐ Baptism Certificate: DEC 15

If your child was baptized at St. Victoria, complete the online form. If baptized elsewhere, contact the parish in which your child was baptized, and request a NEW signed and stamped baptism certificate be sent to St. Victoria, c/o Ann Esping. No photocopies.

☐ Attend Student/Sponsor/Parent Prayer Retreat: FEB 27 (7:30 – 9:10pm)

This retreat is the final preparation for Confirmation in which we'll have time to reflect on our journey, prayerfully prepare for the sacrament, and talk about how to embrace our call to serve Christ.

☐ Ministry Service Selection: OCT 3

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others throughout our lives. Each student will consider their gifts, and select a parish ministry to participate in throughout the year. Options during Mass include greeters, altar servers, sacristans, sound board, choirs, bells, and children's liturgy. Other options are faith formation small group leaders, the faith formation hospitality team, the "mover and shakers", or youth advisory board. We need parent help to coordinate some of the ministries, please consider volunteering alongside your son or daughter.

☐ Confirmation Retreat: NOV 3-4 (8am Saturday – 12:30pm Sunday)

Attending a retreat provides us concentrated time to build faith and helps us build a community of co-travelers on our faith journey. St. Victoria will host an offsite retreat for the 10th Grade Confirmation group at Camp Courage. This is often a highlight for many being confirmed, so please attend if at all possible. *If not available, plan to attend a Confirmation retreat at the Net Center. <http://www.netusa.org/confirmation/>. Email Ann your Net retreat date by Nov 1.*

☐ Lifeline Event with Mass: DEC 1

All 10th graders will road trip to the St. Paul Net Center for an amazing Catholic Youth event incorporating Mass, Adoration, and nationally known performer Tony Melendez. Born without arms, Tony lives life to the fullest, even performing for Pope John Paul III! Can't wait!!!

☐ Sponsor Activity: JAN 15

Having a sponsor to talk with about your faith is crucial as we journey toward committing to our Catholic faith. We need sponsors not only to pray for us, but to be active in our lives. Complete the 10th grade sponsor activity questions/reflections. *Print FORM@StVictoria.net and turn into Confirmation bin.*

☐ Letter to Bishop: FEB 20

On Feb 13, we will spend class time writing letters to the Bishop asking for Confirmation. After class, please spend time revising, checking spelling, and getting parent approval on a final copy which will be sent to Archbishop Hebda. *Turn into Confirmation Bin no later than Parent/Student Retreat.*

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

- Sunday, March 10, 10:45am Sending Mass at St. Victoria. Parents and Sponsors attend, if possible. Reception w/PRAYER ANGELS after Mass

- Saturday, March 16, 10am Confirmation at St. Mary's Basilica, Minneapolis. Arrive 9:15am

Questions? Contact Ann Esping (aesping@stvictoria.org) or Theo Chalgren (tchalgren@stvictoria.org), 952-443-2661.