

10th Grade St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation 2016-17

During this year, you will finish 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 all opportunities to encounter Jesus and essential pieces of being an active Catholic and a witness to Christ! The activities below are experiences and practices we hope our teens 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 occurs, so if you will miss a meeting, please email Ann Esping at AEsping@stvictoria.org before 4pm the day of the confirmation session. Students missing more than three unexcused absences will have make-up work will be assigned.

☐ **Attend Reboot Live With Chris Stefanick OCT 26 (5:45pm – 10:30pm)**

God didn't create us to just get by, He created us to life to the full! Discover the life you were made for internationally renowned speaker and author, Chris Stefanick, and Catholic recording artist, Jon Niven. Reboot is a fun, inspiring, and practical experience for all to apply the beauty and genius of the Gospel to every aspect of your life, from prayer and spirituality, to work, dating, marriage, parenting, health, and more. Registration available at St. Victoria's website. Tickets are limited. Parents are encouraged to attend.

☐ **5 Homily Reflections: One due each month starting NOV**

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. Reflections help us establish the practice of listening to scripture and translating it into action in our lives. The reflection is short and can be filled out during or after Mass. Drop in "Turn-In" Box in Commons. **FORM @StVictoria.net or in Kiosk at Church**

Nov _____ Dec _____ Jan _____ Feb _____ Mar _____

☐ **Retreat: NOV 12-13 (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 on Nov 11-12. This is often a highlight for many being confirmed, so please attend if at all possible. If not available, you can attend the alternative Confirmation retreat dates at the Net Center. <http://www.netusa.org/confirmation/>. If you won't attend with the St. Victoria group, email us the date of your Net Retreat.

☐ **Attend One Lifeline Youth Event @ Net Center: JAN 7 or MAR 4**

The Lifeline Event is an opportunity for youth all around our area to celebrate their faith with vibrant music, a dynamic speaker, Mass, and Adoration. (St. Victoria will take groups on Jan 7 and Mar 4, leaving at 4:00pm and returning by ~10:30 pm.) If cannot attend one of these dates, Lifeline events are first Saturday of the month, and you are to attend another. Checkout the schedule for Lifeline Mass at <http://www.netusa.org/lifeline/>. Let us know afterward with a quick email to Ann Esping summarizing the evening.

☐ **Sponsor Activity: FEB 8**

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. Turn in shared reflection activity. **Online FORM @StVictoria.net**

☐ **Baptism Certificate: MAR 8**

If your child was baptized at St. Victoria, complete the online form. If Baptized elsewhere, please contact the parish in which your child was baptized, and request a signed copy to sent to St. Victoria, c/o Ann Esping. We must have a new Baptismal Certificate dated within 6 months of our Confirmation date. No photocopies. **Baptized at St. Vic, ONLINE FORM @StVictoria.net/Baptized Elsewhere – NEW Baptism Certificate.**

☐ **Two Service Event Reflections: APR 5**

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others throughout our lives. Each student needs to complete two service activities and reflections each year of Confirmation. One service activity should be for the parish. Parish service might include might be altar server, greeter/usher, choir, catechist, funeral hospitality, donut hole server at Sunday Mass, etc. One service activity should be representative of a Corporal Work of Mercy (Feed the Hungry, Clothe the Naked, Visit the Imprisoned, Bury the Dead, Care for the Sick, Harbor the harborless, Give Drink to the Thirsty). Your Mercy service might include serving the homeless at a soup kitchen, visiting those in hospital or a nursing home, doing a food drive, etc. This service activity should equate to two hours of activity. **FORM @StVictoria.net**

☐ **Letter To Bishop: APR 5**

On March 15, 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. Turn in final copies so these can be sent to the Bishop prior to Confirmation. **SUBMIT IN CONFIRMATION TURN-In Bin in the Church Commons.**

STUDENT NAME: _____ PARENT SIGNATURE: _____

Plan to attend these important dates:

- Saturday, April 8, 7:30 - 9:10pm Confirmation Retreat for Students/Parents and Final Preparation/Meeting, Sponsor encouraged
- Sunday, April 23, 10:45am Sending Mass at St. Victoria. Parents and Sponsors attend, if possible.
- Monday, April 24, 7:00 pm Confirmation at St. Mary's Basilica, Minneapolis. Arrive 6:15pm

Questions? Contact Ann Esping (aesping@stvictoria.org) or Tanya Hisey (thisey@stvictoria.org), 952-443-2661. Note: Office hours are Tues. - Thurs.