

# 10th Grade St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation

## 2017-18

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! These activities are experiences and practices to 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](mailto:AEsping@stvictoria.org) before 4pm the day of the confirmation session.

Oct 4 \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Oct 25 \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Nov 29 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 13 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 20 \_\_\_\_\_  
Jan 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 24 \_\_\_\_\_ Jan 31 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 28 \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 7 \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 14 \_\_\_\_\_ Mar 21 \_\_\_\_\_

### Attend 3 of 4 Face and Hands Family Events (6:00pm – 8:30pm) – Student and Parent(s)

This year, we have launched our FACE AND HANDS family events on Sunday nights to enable families to play a greater role our Confirmation program. With inspired and powerful speakers, energetic contemporary music, hospitality, and the opportunity to experience the beauty of the Mass together, these events are designed to provide parents, teens, and the broader parish an opportunity to engage more deeply with God and one another, experience Christ's presence in Word and Sacrament, and explore their faith. **Please RSVP for these events on St. Victoria's website and ensure you turn in homily/event reflection at the event.**

Oct 15 \_\_\_\_\_ Dec 10 \_\_\_\_\_ Feb 25 \_\_\_\_\_ Apr 15 \_\_\_\_\_

### Attend Weekly Mass

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'd encourage your family take time to reflect on the Homily to help establish the practice of listening to scripture and translating it into action in your life.

### Ministry Service Selection **NOV 1**

We are all called to be the hands and feet of Christ, serving others throughout our lives. This year we are asking each student to consider their gifts and interests, and select a ministry to participate in throughout the year, servicing at least three times in this ministry. There is a parish wide ministry sign-up at Mass during Oct 15-16 for those interested in altar server, greeter/usher, choir and more. If you are interested in children's liturgy, being Face and Hands greeter/usher, or helping at EDGE (7-8<sup>th</sup> grade faith formation) contact Ann/Tanya. Maybe fall clean up, table & chair moving, and helping with special events like the Men's Breakfast is your calling. Maybe a special neighbor needs help raking and shoveling? Other options are being a regular helper at CAP, a soup kitchen, or a regular visitor at a nursing home or hospital. *Online FORM to fill out @StVictoria.net*

### Retreat: **NOV 4-5 (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 10<sup>th</sup> 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 4.*

### 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 10<sup>th</sup> grade sponsor activity questions/reflections. *Print FORM @ StVictoria.net and turn into Confirmation bin.*

### Baptism Certificate: **FEB 15**

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 be 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 complete ONLINE FORM @StVictoria.net. If Baptized Elsewhere – Have NEW Baptism Certificate sent to Ann.*

### Ministry Service Reflection: **MAR 15**

After teens have completed serving three times in the selected ministry, we ask them to complete a short reflection on their involvement. Note: The teens selected service activity should equate to at least three events and three hours of work. *Print FORM @ StVictoria.net & turn into Confirmation bin.*

### Letter To Bishop: **APR 4**

On March 14, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- Saturday, April 4, 7:30 – 9:10pm Confirmation Retreat for Students/Parents and Final Preparation/Meeting, Sponsor encouraged
- Sunday, April 15, 6pm Sending Mass at St. Victoria. Parents and Sponsors attend, if possible.
- Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm Confirmation at St. Mary's Basilica, Minneapolis. Arrive 6:15pm

Questions? Contact Ann Esping ([aesping@stvictoria.org](mailto:aesping@stvictoria.org)) or Tanya Hisey ([thisey@stvictoria.org](mailto:thisey@stvictoria.org)), 952-443-2661.