



October 2019

Dear Confirmation Families:

In this letter you will find the revised requirements for confirmation. All of us working in the faith formation office understand that life is busy so if you have a conflict with something, please reach out. Our main goal is to be a resource to you as you help your student prepare for the sacrament of confirmation.

Schedule: Attached: please find a detailed schedule for the year. This includes all dates where candidates' attendance is required. These will be discussed in greater detail below.

Archdiocesan Youth Day: Saturday, November 16th, 2019. Attendance at this event is required for all candidates. The cost is \$35.00, but it is covered by the registration fee you have paid. Please meet at DMCC at 11:00 am. The estimated return time to DMCC is 10:15 pm.

- If your student is unable to attend they can go to one of the Lifeline Masses at the Net Center. Some of these do require tickets to be purchased in advance. Please visit www.netusa.org/lifeline/ for more information.

Attached is the Parental Consent Form and Indemnity Agreement. This must be filled out by a parent and returned to class *on or before October 16, 2019. Students cannot go without this form.*

Parent chaperones are needed. You would ride the bus with the candidates. You must have Virtus training and a background check (be E3 credentialed). If interested please contact

- Students should eat something hearty before they come.
- It is recommended that students bring along a water bottle and a snack
- Dinner will be served at approximately 6:00 pm.
- There is a Catholic Market place that sells books, rosaries, jewelry, t-shirts etc. Candidates are welcome to bring money for such items.
- There is also a service project regarding Christmas gifts for the people in the Appalachian Mountains. More information will be forthcoming.

Retreat: Friday/Saturday, February 28/29, 2020. The location of the retreat has yet to be determined. Candidates are required to attend the **entire** retreat. More information will be available as the retreat date gets closer.

- If students are unable to attend this retreat and they are allowed to attend a NET Retreat. There are 10 dates to choose from and the cost is \$150. You will be responsible for covering the cost. Visit www.netusa.org/confirmation for more information.

<u>Sponsor Requirement:</u>	Sponsors need to be a Confirmed Catholic and older than the student being confirmed. A sponsor must be chosen by Dec. 1 st .
<u>Curriculum:</u>	We will be using <i>Chosen</i> by Ascension Press.
<u>Attendance & Class Cancellation Policy:</u>	All classes are Wednesdays from 6 – 7:30 pm and meet in the Cafeteria at BA unless otherwise noted. Students are allowed three absences throughout the year for regular scheduled Wednesday classes. If a student is unable to attend a required event outside of the Wednesday night class or has more than three absences a meeting with Anna Blessing is required to continue in the program.
	We will follow Faribault School District's lead. If school is cancelled or released early due to weather we will not have class that day. We will also send announcements through Flocknote and Facebook.
<u>Service Components:</u>	Candidates are required to complete a total of 15 hours of service for confirmation, a minimum of 10 of these hours must be completed in service to Divine Mercy Church and must include a variety of three different activities. Here is a list of ideas of ways to serve at church.
	<input type="checkbox"/> Altar Serving <input type="checkbox"/> Singing or playing an instrument at Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Hosting at Mass <input type="checkbox"/> Lenten Soup Suppers (Mondays during Lent after 530pm Mass) <input type="checkbox"/> Help with the Advent or Lenten Penance Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Fiesta Time <input type="checkbox"/> Spirit Fest <input type="checkbox"/> Helping at St. Vincent de Paul
	“For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many.” Mark 10:45
	A Confirmation Service Hours Form is attached for your candidate to use. The list above is in no way a complete list of ways to serve or the only activities that count. If you have any questions please let me know.
	Please keep this letter handy for reference throughout the year. If you have any questions, please reach out to Mary or myself.
	Peace,
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