

# St. Victoria Confirmation Preparation – Year 2 Commitment

2023-24

## Confirmation Candidate Ownership

*Confirmation is a sacramental outpouring of the Holy Spirit that leaves a permanent imprint on the soul, completes Christian initiation, and empowers us to be witnesses to Christ (CCC1302-1305).* Mass attendance, service, retreats, prayer, and building community are opportunities to encounter Jesus and essential practices for an active Catholic! These practices will help you continue on your faith journey for years to come.

### ☐ Encounter Jesus in Weekly Mass and Complete 10 Mass Reflections

Weekly Mass provides the opportunity to unite with Christ physically through Eucharist, as well as encounter Him in scripture, one another, and through the priest. Mass brings us peace, healing, and joy! To help us personally encounter Jesus, we'll be doing "Mass notes" and answer the question of "what did I notice at this Mass" in our Confirmation notebooks. Turn in Confirmation notebooks in the library "Confirmation bucket" so they can be logged. Shoot for taking weekly Mass notes, but plan to turn in notebooks in parish library at least **10 times** before April 2024.

### ☐ Commit to Daily Prayer

Through prayer we get to know, trust, and recognize God. Have stress, anxiety, or doubts? Elated with extraordinary blessings? Setting aside a few minutes to connect with God enables us to live with peace, joy, love, and self-control. Encounter God's guidance when praying with scripture or journaling. Help others by praying for their needs. Need prayers? Put your prayer in the Confirmation prayer basket upon arrival.

### ☐ Actively Explore Jesus in Weekly Small Group Confirmation Gatherings and Retreats

Active participation in and commitment to your Confirmation journey is essential. Confirmation sessions are like a date with a friend and can't be made up! We ask you to be open to Jesus and willing to share with your small group. You are the key to team success for your small group!

#### ➤ **Attend Nineteen Weekly Confirmation Sessions with a seeking heart and willingness to share**

Block your calendar for Wednesday at 7:30 – 9:10pm as a date with God (and your small group). Pre-plan homework and talk to coaches about leaving early or missing practice(s). If you'll miss more than 3 sessions, consider waiting a year, or give Ann a call to discuss.

#### ➤ **Retreat: NOV 11-12 (8am Saturday to 12:00pm Sunday)**

St. Victoria holds an off-site retreat for the Year 2 Confirmation group at Camp Courage, and it's always a highlight! *If not available, you have two options. First, book an alternate Archdiocesan Confirmation retreat by Oct 1 at the Net Ministries, and email Ann your date and a summary afterward. Alternatively, attend the Year 2 St. Victoria retreat in Nov 2024 and be Confirmed in 2025.*

### ☐ Be the "Face and Hands" of Jesus by serving St. Victoria

We all need to be Jesus to others and actively serve the community in which we belong. Each person in our Confirmation group will be part of a ministry. Some will choose to be part of regular scheduled ministries such as Middle School Small group leader, choir, lector, or altar server. If you are not part of these ministries, sign up to be a greeter/usher and/or sweet social hospitality at least three times during this Confirmation season using sign up genius.

### ☐ Build Trusted Peers and Mentors, AND meet at least monthly with your Confirmation Sponsor

Having many peers, mentors and role models in our faith journey is essential! We need others to attend Mass with us, pray with us, share faith experiences, and help answer our questions. Sponsors were selected in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade year. Is your sponsor in your Confirmation profile?

### ☐ Letter to Bishop: **March 15** - We'll create drafts letters during a weekly session. Afterward, finalize and turn it in on March 15

## Parent Leadership

Parents have a unique ability to reveal God and His love! Parent leadership is vital. Attending the kick-off retreat an weekly Mass, along with initiating weekly faith conversations makes faith REAL! Parents are also needed as prayer partners and for help working through conflicts with coaches, homework, or other priorities.

### ☐ Participate in Parent/Student Retreat on Sept 13 (7:30-9:10pm)

### ☐ Baptism Certificate: DEC 15

If your child was baptized at St. Victoria, email Ann the month/year. If baptized elsewhere, request a NEW baptism certificate from the baptizing parish after Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. Request it be sent to St. Victoria, c/o Ann Esping, 8228 Victoria Drive, Victoria 55386. No copies.

### ☐ Attend Student/Sponsor/Parent Prayer Confirmation Prep Retreat: March 13 (7:30 – 9pm)

We'll reflect on our journey, prayerfully prepare for the sacrament, and talk about how to embrace our call to serve Christ.

### ☐ Clear Calendar and Sign up for Year 2 Retreat on Nov 11-12 – Watch email for details.

### ☐ Initiate Weekly Discussions with your son/daughter – See weekly email from Ann/Joey with topics and prompts.

CANDIDATE NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

CANDIDATE SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ PARENT SIGNATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

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