

Overview of Confirmation Preparation 2012

Saint Raphael Parish

**Confirmation will take place on
Sunday, April 22nd, 2012 at two Masses
(2:30 and 5:30pm) with Bishop Roger Gries
(with a reception following in the Lunchroom)
* The Confirmation Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.**

Two Part Preparation:

1) INFORMATION

- It is expected that students have been attending Religion classes for several years. During Sacramental years (2nd and 8th grades), it is extremely important that students enroll in and regularly attend Religion classes at Saint Raphael School, St. Raphael Parish School of Religion or through the Ruffing Montessori Religion Program. Home school classes are highly discouraged during these special years of instruction. PLEASE CONTACT AMY ASAP IF ATTENDING PSR IS ABSOLUTELY NOT POSSIBLE FOR YOUR FAMILY!

2) FORMATION

- Regular participation in Sunday/Saturday Vigil Mass
- Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to receiving Confirmation
- Confirmation Reflection
- Selection of a Confirmation Name and "My Confirmation Name" Essay
- Selection of a Confirmation Sponsor and "My Confirmation Sponsor" Essay
- Five SPIRIT NIGHTS (Sept. 14th, Oct. 12th, Nov. 9th, Jan. 11th, and Feb. 15th)
- Confirmation RETREAT (March 10th)
- Three Sponsor Meetings- Individual meetings with candidate and sponsor (Meeting #1 during summer months, Meeting #2 during Sept.-Dec., Meeting #3 during Jan.-Feb.)
- Stewardship Journal (which includes service requirement)
- Letter to Bishop Gries (Due on February 15th - our last Spirit Night)
- Confirmation Interview (which will take place in March of 2012)

*** If a candidate misses more than one of the 6 Formation Events (5 Spirit Nights and Confirmation retreat) he/she will need to attend a make-up session with Amy.**

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- **Sponsors are asked to attend each of the Spirit Nights with the Confirmation candidates. If a sponsor is unable to attend, one parent should attend with the candidate.**
- **Parents are invited to participate in some or all of the Spirit Nights as well! Please see the Calendar of Events for dates and times for parents.**