

Outline of Confirmation Program 2015-2017

7th graders – first class of two year program

Mandatory Parent Meeting for parents September 2015 giving them 2nd copy of prayers and questions and verifying requirements of two year program and what is expected by end of 7th grade school year.

I have printed this copy of notes so you can follow along with what we are discussing this evening.

RETREAT

- They will participate in a retreat in the **winter of 2016** (Alex Lewis, Leader of EDGE Group will host)
- The Retreat Date **IS Saturday, February 6th 10:00 am – 2:30 PM** Cost - **\$5.00** donation to cover their lunch to be collected on day of retreat.

Commitment Mass

- They will participate in Commitment Mass fall 2015 (**no date yet**)

TESTING CENTER-

- Testing will be available before and after class beginning September 23rd in Overflow for both prayers and questions. The location may change once the Activity Building is opened but you will be notified if that happens.
- The teachers will receive weekly progress reports as to how their students are doing and contact parents when necessary.
- The students will be tested on this information again in 8th grade (the goal is retention not to 'quick get it done').

7th Grade Service Project will be feeding the needy. It was explained at registration back in April that your student should begin saving for meals for the needy. Each student will need to contribute \$35.00 (reduced from \$40, the original projected amount) toward meals they will be preparing.

WHEN – Last Sunday of month beginning Oct – April, 2015-2016

October 25th, November 29th, December 27th, Jan 31st, February 28th, March 27th, April 24th

We will begin shortly after 1:30 mass. There are 7 available dates. They will need to do at least 5 of these dates, but we are hoping they will appreciate the need for what they are doing and be moved to come for all 7. They are encouraged to bring one friend if they would like and give them an opportunity to share the need for what they are doing with others. Family is always welcome to help! We anticipate it taking about an hour.

Mrs. Tina Tocco has been gracious enough to bring this need for meals to our attention and has offered to get the supplies each month so the sooner your child can turn in their \$35.00 donation, the easier it will be for her to buy the supplies each month.

Next year their service hours will be for our church. The lesson begins with supporting needy in their community and supporting their parish where volunteers are always needed for it to flourish. Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Students will be taught out of both 7th and 8th grade Faith & Life Series

- 7th grade book (Chapters: 7-10, 13-30)
- 8th grade book (Chapters 1-8)

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Mentors/Sponsors

Your students will need mentor by month end. Father Ben will explain need for mentor. He has a list of approved mentors if you child is unable to find one.

- Introduce Jean Mikelonis – she will be overseeing the mentors
jeanmikelonis@gmail.com
- Need mentor forms turned in by October 14th (allowing one month to secure mentor and have form completed)

Homeschoolers

- Homeschoolers will have same requirements and will be asked to come for testing throughout the year, use the Faith and Life Series for designated chapters in addition to daily religion they already do and participate in service projects and retreats. There will be testing times available before, during and after class for Homeschoolers on Catechism Nights.

Next year

FOR 8TH GRADE CLASSES BEGINNING 2016 -2017 (school year)

- **Service Hours, Essay, 2 Retreats, Commitment Mass, class attendance/participation will be the requirements in addition to being retested on all prayers and questions. Again, we want them to retain the information.**
- **Matthew Kelly Decision Point Books will be used**

Any questions, please contact Paul & Carroll Schuller at p_schuller@yahoo.com or 586-254-9212.