

## Outline of Confirmation Program 2015-2016

This year's **8<sup>th</sup> grade** students (last of one year program)

### **THIS APPLIES TO 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADERS THIS YEAR ONLY (2015-2016)**

Meeting May 20<sup>th</sup> 7:30 with parents and students (w/ Fr. Ben co-presenting)

-Teachers will be introduced

-Requirements will be explained including class behavior, participation, service hours (both mandatory and not), prayers and questions will be passed out with outline of upcoming events.

- Service Hours remain 12 but we will try to add project in helping poor or elderly (possible)
- Salad luncheon (Oct)
- Missal Covering (Nov)
- Christmas Party Cleanup (Dec)
- Additional Hours can be done at VBS, festival, garden cleanup, Saints' Party, etc.

-Explanation of testing plan...testing will be available before and after

-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher will teach Matthew Kelly and focus on that

-Commitment Mass for 8th grade (date not yet determined)

### **Mentors/Sponsors**

Your students will need mentor by Oct 14. 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 14<sup>th</sup> (allowing one month to secure mentor and have form completed)

-8<sup>th</sup> graders – will be given essays in early 2016 to be completed before Confirmation

- -Why I Want to Crown Mary
- -For the Bishop – Letter that shows bishop how did my life change, how was it affected by the Confirmation preparation.

-They will attend 2 retreats – one at beginning of year and another in spring (one with direction from Jordan Langbeen, if available Oct 31<sup>st</sup> and Feb 20<sup>th</sup>)

-Homeschoolers will have same requirements and will be asked to add Matthew Kelly's Decision Point to their daily religion program.

### **FOR 8<sup>TH</sup> 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**