

## The Sacrament of Confirmation

In the Diocese of Richmond Bishop Francis DiLorenzo has set the appropriate age for preparation of the Sacrament of Confirmation to be when an individual is both at least 15 years of age and enrolled in at least the tenth grade.

### Prince of Peace Parish Timeline-Preparation Process for Teens 4 Phases

#### Phase I: Inquiry

-June-December (Inquiry)

-Attend initial meeting:

Meetings: July 11<sup>th</sup> between the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses  
August 15<sup>th</sup> between the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses  
September 12<sup>th</sup> between the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses

-Discern with your parents and sponsor if you wish to celebrate the sacrament of Confirmation in spring 2011.

- By November 7<sup>th</sup> –Let Sister Dolores know that you wish to take part in the Rite of Recognition to the Call to Confirmation. The paper for this will be given at the initial meeting.

-Interview with either Father Romy or Sister Dolores

-Christian Formation classes: Contact-Mrs. Melody Smith 547-0356  
Melody.Smith@popparish.org

-Register

-Attend

-Choose a Sponsor

-Baptism Certificate-if not baptized at Prince of Peace

\*\*We do not keep baptismal certificates on file. So if you were not baptized at Prince of Peace but celebrated First Eucharist here we did not keep a copy of your baptismal certificate.

-Make a copy and send to Sister Dolores.

-Mark "Confirmation" on the envelope.

-Ask your Sponsor to send you a letter of eligibility-if not a member of Prince of Peace

-Send your sponsor's eligibility letter to Sister Dolores

-Mark "Confirmation Sponsor" on envelope and make a note stating that this person will be a Confirmation sponsor for you-(your name).

-Complete Information Sheet and return it to Sister Dolores.

The paper for this will be given at the initial meeting.

-Attend Retreat in November (Date will be given in August.)

-Sunday, November 7<sup>th</sup>                      5-8 pm    Vocations Night

This is part of the Sunday evening Christian Formation session.  
All Confirmand are invited to attend

-Saturday, November 20<sup>th</sup>    5:30 Mass

Rite of Recognition to the Call to Confirmation

Followed by a Potluck-Families/Sponsors invited

## Phases II: Core Program

-December-April (Core Program)

### Catechesis

-Instruction for Confirmation has been organized into 4 miniature modules. Each module builds on the other.

-These modules are in addition to Christian Formation classes and/or classes at Bishop Sullivan High School

-The snow dates listed will be used only in the event of bad weather. Sessions will not be held on the snow dates if the session took place.

-In case of bad weather: Check parish website

You will be notified at the parents' phone number listed on the Information Sheet

### Dates

Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm Module 1

God's Mission to us: The Father Sends the Son and the Holy Spirit

\*\*Snow date-Saturday, December 18<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 pm

Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm Module 2

The Church: God's Mission Continues...

\*\*Snow date-Saturday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> 6:30-9:30 pm

Sunday, February 6<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm Module 3

Confirmation: Initiation into Mission

\*\*Snow date-Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm

Sunday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm Module 4

The Mission of Discipleship: A Life of Witness

\*\*Snow date-Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30-9:30 pm

Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup> 5-8 pm Poor Man's Supper

This is part of the Sunday evening Christian Formation session. All Confirmand are invited to attend

### Phase III: Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation

A date for the celebration of the sacrament is given to parishes usually by the end of November. As soon as we learn the date it will be noted in the Parish Bulletin and on our Parish Website. At that time the date(s) for practice will also be given.

### Phase IV: Mystagogy

Mystagogy refers to the period of reflection and instruction that follows the reception of a sacrament. This is a privileged time in which the newly confirmed. The process is meant to foster an even stronger connection to the Eucharist.

Confirmand are expected to attend 2 modules-Each module will last 3 hours- preparing them to enter more fully into the life of the Church. The theme of the 2 modules: Preparing for the Eucharist and Eucharist: Source and Summit

The dates of the 2 modules will be determined when we receive a date for the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation.

For more information or questions please contact Sister Dolores Sabisky  
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