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Confirmation at Christ the King Cathedral will be focusing on each teen accepting the invitation to become more closely united with God through this sacrament. At baptism, God placed an indelible or non-removable mark on each person's soul, declaring them *HIS*. Nothing we do in this world can make Him erase this mark. They were chosen. Not only were each of them chosen each one has purpose. Confirmation is about each teen responding to God's invitation of a deeper relationship with Him and the Church. We, as the confirmation catechist of Christ the King Cathedral are doing this in three ways: belonging, believing, and being.

Belonging. Our deepest desire as human beings is to belong. It is fundamental that we do not live on our own, but in community. We plan to do this by bringing the teens out from behind the desk and learning in a small group environment.

Believing. Growing in our faith as a group and as individuals. Taking the opportunity to understand just what it means to be chosen and why we are invited into a deeper relationship with Him. We do this by coming to know ever more fully who He is and how that impacts our lives. Coming to know more about the Catholic faith, what we believe, and how we can live that out.

Being. When teens begin living out who God has called them to be through community, their own beliefs, and desiring to be this person.

To build a community of belonging, believing, and being:

____ Attending Mass each Sunday.

____ Attending CCE-Youth each Sunday evening

____ Teens attend monthly zoom meetings and parents attend monthly zoom sessions in October, November, January, February, March, and April. Reminders will be sent out through the MyParish App for each meeting date.

____ **Baptismal Records due November 1**

____ Saint Information

 Pre-Confirmation- Saint Poster- **January 17**

 Confirmation- Confirmation Saint picked and Saint Report **January 10**

____ Catholic Leaders and Confirmation Sponsor

 Pre-Confirmation- Leaders of My Faith **February 21**

 Confirmation- Confirmation Sponsor **February 14**

____ Letter of good standing for sponsor due **March 7**

____ Retreat

 Confirmation- Retreat is set for **December 18-20**. This is still TBD. The Confirmation Retreat may be postponed for the Spring semester.

 Pre-Confirmation- Retreat is set for **February 27**. This is still TBD.

____ Letters

 Pre-Confirmation- Letter to Future-Self **March 21**

 Confirmation- Letter to Fr. John **March 7th**

____ 10 Hours of Service in the domestic Church at home (4hrs), Parish Church home (4 hours—only two hours can come from Ministry. I.e Altar Serving, Choir/Band), and the larger Church (2 hours). Service house due **March 28, 2020**.

 *This adjustment to service hours is only set for the 2020-2021 youth year due to current circumstances.

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Formation events, needs two:

Video Formation Event: Must watch both videos and answer questions to be considered one formation event.

Confirmation Guys

___ Men's Session Steubenville <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZQPGtkEvMLA&t=1010s>

___ Jason Evert Dating 101 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkU-XWH-VOY&t=1748s>

Confirmation Girls

___ Women's Session Steubenville <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o936YYf2Z0U>

___ Jason Evert Dating 101 <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BkU-XWH-VOY&t=1748s>

___ Kaleidoscope of Faith

___ Parish Mission

___ Rock and Worship Roadshow

___ TobyMac Hits Deep Tour

As more events come up, we will send them out to the parents through GroupMe. If you hear of an event, please feel free to message/e-mail/call me about this event. Formation Events are due March 28.

Parent meetings:

It is our mission at Christ the King Cathedral that we keep the primary Catechist as the parents. We are here to help and assist. Because of this, once a month, we will be having parent confirmation classes where the parents receive the material and present to their teen to learn and share together. To accommodate parents as best as possible, we will provide at least two different times each month for the parents to come in with their teen.

Parent Pre-Confirmation and Confirmation Information Meeting:

October 4,6,7

Confirmation Parent Meeting Sessions:

October 4,6,7 6:00-7:00

November 3, 5 6:00-7:00

January 5, 7 6:00-7:00

February 2, 4 6:00-7:00

March 2, 4 6:00-7:00

April 6, 8 6:00-7:00

Saint Information

Saint Poster due January 17th- The teen will need to make a poster, document about a Saint/Blessed they find interesting. This Saint does not have to be their future Confirmation Saint. This activity is to help the teens look towards the Saints throughout their life, and show them that

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they are regular people who answered "Yes!" To God's call. It should include the following: Saint's Name, Picture of Saint, General Information on the Saint: Birthdate, Birth Place, Feast Date, Date of Canonization, Pope that Canonized Saint, Short Answer (3-4 Sentences): This Saint is known for? Why did I pick this Saint? How is this Saint a role model? 2-3 Interesting Facts about the Saint

Confirmation Saint due January 10th- This project isn't made to be an English assignment. It's to show that the teen has put some thought and effort in the Saint they choose. When the teen is Confirmed this is the Saint that your teen is claiming to model their life after. Minimum of a page (close to a page) (3-4 paragraphs) over the following: Paragraph 1 - A brief introduction about themselves and their Catholic journey (their accomplishments, struggles, spiritual wants) Paragraph 2 - The Saint they chose and information on the Saint. Where was the saint born? How did the saint die? What is this saint known for? 2-3 Interesting facts about the saint. Paragraph 3 - The saint and the teen. Why have I chosen this saint? How will this saint help me with my confirmation? How will this saint help me with the rest of my life? How will this saint be a good role model to follow as a Confirmed Catholic. Paragraph 4 - Closing

Catholic Role Models/Confirmation Sponsor

Leaders of My Faith due February 21st- Three individuals should be selected by the teen who they look up to as a Catholic role model along with 3-4 sentences about each one. These sentences could include: Why have I chosen this individual? How does this individual reflect the love of Christ and the faith of the Catholic Church in their life? How has the individual impacted me? What are some characteristics that I believe describe God? Does the individual reflect any?

Confirmation Sponsor due February 14th- The name of the confirmation sponsor, along with a paragraph is due on February 14. This paragraph should include: Why have I chosen this sponsor? How does this sponsor reflect the love of Christ and the faith of the Catholic Church in their life? How will this sponsor help me in this walk to Christ? A letter of good standing for the sponsor, if they are not from Christ the King is due March 7, 2020. Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, fully initiated members of the Catholic Church, and in good standing with the Catholic Church.

Letters

Letter to Future-Self due March 21- This Letter is a letter to themselves that will be given to them at the beginning of Year 2 Confirmation to remind them of how far they have come and to encourage them to continue on their journey to Confirmation. This letter should be half a page minimum. The teens should answer the questions: Paragraph 1 - Introduce themselves, Why do I want to be confirmed Paragraph 2 - My walk with Christ. This paragraph should include their spiritual journey all the way up to where they are now. How my walk with Christ is going and where I want it to be? Paragraph 3 - Words of encouragement What will I do after Confirmation: Participate in the Mass (Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server, Choir/Band), CIA, Continue to grow by attending Youth, Living out a better Catholic Christian life. These letters can be

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turned in on March 21. They can be e-mailed to Andrew directly at acortez@ctkcathedral.org or Turned in via the Churches Website.

Confirmation Letter to Fr. John due March 7th- This Letter is about their entire faith journey and focusing around the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter should be a page minimum The teens should answer the questions: Paragraph 1 - Introduce themselves, Why do I want to be confirmed? Paragraph 2 - My walk with Christ. This paragraph should include their spiritual journey all the way up to where they are now. How my walk with Christ is going and where I want it to be? Paragraph 3 - Their saint and themselves; Why I have selected my saint and how this saint will help me on my faith journey to Christ? Paragraph 4 - My sponsor; How will my sponsor continue to encourage me in my faith? Paragraph 5 - What do I want after Confirmation and Closing remarks; What will I do after Confirmation: Participate in the Mass (Lector, Extraordinary Minister, Altar Server, Choir/Band), CIA, Continue to grow by attending Youth, Living out a better Catholic Christian life. These letters can be turned in on March 7th. They can be e-mailed to Andrew directly at acortez@ctkcathedral.org or Turned in via the Churches Website.

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10 Hours of Service in the domestic Church at home (4hrs), Parish Church home (4 hours—only two hours can come from altar serving), and the larger Church (2 hours).

Domestic Church Service Hours: 2 Hours

To serve in the domestic Church is not simply doing chores, it is doing something extra in a way to serve the family.

Examples:

- Making your siblings bed
- Doing the laundry for the family
- Helping make dinner
- Babysit for your parents to have a date night

Christ the King Service Hours: 4 Hours

To serve in the parish home, the Church, is to help become a full member of the Church and live out being parishioners. Only 2 hours can be used as Ministry. I.e. Altar Serving, Choir/Band

Opportunities:

- Trunk-O-Treat TBD
- CFF Santa Drive By TBD
- April 3, 2020 Stations of the Cross
- Assisting wiping down the pews after Mass

Larger Church Service Hours: 2 Hours

Catholic means universal. We are not just part of Christ the King Cathedral, or the Diocese of Lubbock, but part of the Roman Catholic Church. In our attempt to be part of the larger community, the candidates will have the opportunity to serve 2 hours in the community outside the parish. **RSVP Opportunities: Dates to come**

Examples:

- Pen Pal Opportunities with Nursing Home
- Assisting at Catholic Charities

As more opportunities for service come up for CtK and the Larger Church, we will be distributing information.

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III. THE EFFECTS OF CONFIRMATION TAKEN FROM THE CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

1302 It is evident from its celebration that the effect of the sacrament of Confirmation is the special outpouring of the Holy Spirit as once granted to the apostles on the day of Pentecost.

1303 From this fact, Confirmation brings an increase and deepening of baptismal grace:

- it roots us more deeply in the divine filiation which makes us cry, "Abba! Father!";
- it unites us more firmly to Christ;
- it increases the gifts of the Holy Spirit in us;
- it renders our bond with the Church more perfect;
- it gives us a special strength of the Holy Spirit to spread and defend the faith by word and action as true witnesses of Christ, to confess the name of Christ boldly, and never to be ashamed of the Cross:

Recall then that you have received the spiritual seal, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of right judgment and courage, the spirit of knowledge and reverence, the spirit of holy fear in God's presence. Guard what you have received. God the Father has marked you with his sign; Christ the Lord has confirmed you and has placed his pledge, the Spirit, in your hearts.

1304 Like Baptism which it completes, Confirmation is given only once, for it too imprints on the soul an *indelible spiritual mark*, the "character," which is the sign that Jesus Christ has marked a Christian with the seal of his Spirit by clothing him with power from on high so that he may be his witness.

1305 This "character" perfects the common priesthood of the faithful, received in Baptism, and "the confirmed person receives the power to profess faith in Christ publicly and as it were officially (*quasi Ex officio*)."

