

# Christ the King Confirmation Program 2017-2018

Dear Parents,

Within the following packet you will find information regarding our Confirmation Program at Christ the King. We are excited to begin this important journey of your teen's faith formation with you. While Christ the King offers a two year program for preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation, it is important that parents understand that they are, in the mind of the Church, the first and foremost educators of their children's Catholic faith. Families of teens seeking to receive the sacrament of Confirmation should be registered members of the parish.

Our program covers three important components for preparation: Religious Education/Catechesis, Spiritual Formation, and Service. Below we have outlined the specifics recommended for each of these areas of formation, and we strongly encourage each family to identify which means of preparation works best for them. We also encourage parents to participate in the variety of adult faith formation programs offered at Christ the King to help them grow in understanding of their own faith and become better educators to their children. It is our mission to support you as you take an active role in preparing your child for Confirmation.

Below we have outlined the areas of formation that are encouraged and offered at Christ the King. Teens will meet with an adult catechist individually each semester to walk with them along their journey and identify which formation works best for them. The preparation record will serve as a "check in" for teens so that we can identify that teens are actively participating in formation for the Sacrament. Each year, every teen will be asked to complete a ***Confirmation Sacramental Preparation Record*** with their adult catechist. Preparation from all three areas of formation are required for Confirmation. Below are the recommended areas of formation:

## I. Religious Education/Catechesis:

Christ the King recommends participation in the following areas as proper formation for Religious Education/ Catechesis:

- Regular Attendance and participation at Life Teen\*  
\*Should a parent and teen decide to receive their catechesis through participation in our Life Teen program, we are suggesting that families offer a \$50 fee to help assist with the cost of dinners provided as well as materials and teaching resources.
- Regular attendance and participation at Sunday Mass
- Independent Confirmation preparation: Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Participation in parish wide events
  - Parish Mission
  - Bible Study
  - Life Teen Summer Program
  - Holy Hour Adoration Chapel
  - Parish religious education programs (Be Prepared, Between the Masses, etc) Please specify programs attended by title and date

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## II. Spiritual Formation: Retreats/Trips

Christ the King considers participation in the following areas as proper formation for Spiritual Formation. Attendance is recommended at one of the following during their freshman and/or sophomore year.

- o Outback
  - Fall- Oct 27-29, 2017
  - Spring-March 9-11, 2018
- o PCR Team Leader
- o ACYC
- o Baldwin Bash
- o March For Life
- o Mission Trips
- o Life Teen Trips
- o Hispanic Ministry Retreat
- o Abbey Youth Fest
- o Vocations Trip

## III. Parish/Community Involvement: Service

Christ the King recommends considers participation in the following areas as proper formation for service. Service hours will be documented with the preparation form each semester with the catechist. While there is no specific number of hours required, teens should be actively serving in their community and church for preparation of the Sacrament.

- Chili-Cook off Volunteer
- Booster Club/Concession Volunteer
- Pumpkin Festival Volunteer
- CCD Volunteer
- Hispanic Ministry Volunteer
- Vacation Bible School Volunteer
- McKemie Place Volunteer
- Children's Liturgy Volunteer
- Easter Egg Hunt Volunteer
- Altar Server Camp Volunteer
- Edge Volunteer
- PCR Team Leader
- Mass Usher, Reader, Server
- Blessing of the Animals Volunteer
- Fiesta Italiana Volunteer
- First Communion Reception Volunteer
- Confirmation Reception Volunteer
- Community Outreach
- School Service clubs
- Community Events
- School Events

### **Juniors Schedule of Expected Confirmation Functions Required for all juniors regardless of the school you attend**

Sept. 14 6:00pm .....Parent Meeting Assumption Hall  
Sept. 17 3:30-4:30.....Confirmation Class  
Sept 24 3:30-4:30.....Confirmation Class  
Oct. 1 3:30-4:30.....Confirmation Class  
Oct. 8 3:30-4:30.....Confirmation Class  
Oct. 15 3:30-4:30.....Confirmation Practice  
Nov. 5 2pm.....Confirmation

**We strongly encourage those involved to stay involved even after Confirmation through the end of their high school career.** This is an incredible opportunity to grow in understanding of what we believe and will give the students the opportunity to explain their faith to anyone who might have questions about it. **Religious formation is a life-long process, not a one-time event in the life of a young Catholic.** The program is designed to foster an ongoing education of faith, which makes long-term participation so beneficial.

### **Freshman and Sophomore Schedule of Expected Confirmation Functions**

Sept. 14 6:00pm.....Parent Informational Meeting

Fall 2017- Attend one of these to complete preparation form with catechist

Sunday Dec. 17 3:30-4:30

Monday, Dec 18 4:00-7:00

Thursday, Jan 4 4:00-7:00

Sunday, Jan 7 3:30-4:30

Spring 2018-Attend one of these to complete preparation form with catechist

Tuesday, May 29 4:00-7:00

Thursday, May 31 4:00-7:00

Sunday, June 3 3:30-4:30

### **SPONSOR INFORMATION:**

**Candidates will select a sponsor for Confirmation. They should select someone that serves as a model of the faith. The sponsor requirements are as follows:**

- have qualifications and the intention of performing this role
- have completed the sixteenth year of age
- be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist
- be an active, practicing Catholic
- be receiving the sacraments of Penance and Communion frequently
- be married in the Catholic Church, if married
- lead a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken
- plan to maintain an ongoing relationship with the candidate in order to promote the candidate's lifelong spiritual growth
- may not be the child's parent

At Christ the King we are pleased to be part of this exciting time with your families. Please feel free to contact Donna Morgan, Confirmation Coordinator or Kristen Lazarine, Youth Minister, with any questions or concerns.

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