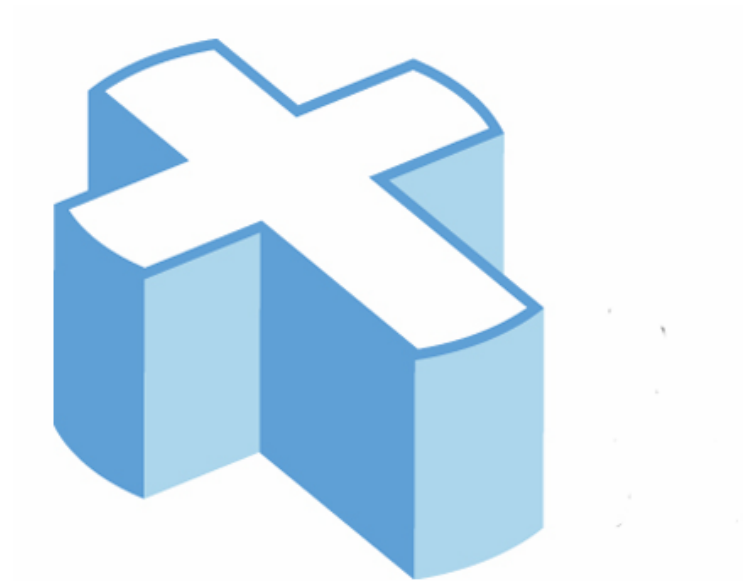


St. Theresa Parish



**Jr. High Confirmation
Program
2009-2010**

August 23rd, 2009

Dear Parents and Teens,

Welcome to the 2009-2010 Jr. High Teen Confirmation Program! We are glad to have you on board with us this year. It promises to be an exciting time of growing in faith and strengthening our relationships with friends and family. More importantly, this preparation will be a challenging time for us to examine the place of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in our lives. We are continuing this year to open the program to a broader age group in conformity with bishop's new Confirmation policy. If you would like to look at this policy in more depth, please visit www.sttheresaphx.org, and click on the sacraments banner. This program is open to all Jr. High School students who have already received the sacraments of Baptism and first Eucharist.

Pope John Paul II called the youth his hope. We here at St. Theresa are putting our hope in you. We are counting on you to participate fully in the program and to become strong Christian leaders in our community. Along with the entire diocese, we invite you to learn about the power of the Holy Spirit and see what difference the Sacrament of Confirmation can make in your personal life. This is a special time for you to be preparing for Confirmation. Christ has high hopes for you, and we do too.

God bless you on your journey,

Ryan Howe
Coordinator of Youth Ministry

Program Description

Confirmation Preparation for Jr. High Teens

St. Theresa Parish

Please consult the Program Dates Sheet for the schedule of events.

I. Program Goal: The goal of the St. Theresa Confirmation program is to challenge each candidate to be a witness for Christ and His Church and to determine if they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

II. Components: This goal is achieved through catechesis (instruction in the Faith), liturgy (public prayer and sacraments), and community building activities.

III. Eligibility: The St. Theresa Jr. High Teen Confirmation Program is open to all teens in Jr. High School who have received the sacraments of Baptism and First Communion.

IV. Preparation: Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation consists of the following stages:

A. Saturday Day of Reflection: April 17th, 2010 (see registration form for more information)

Attendance at this event is mandatory

B. Catechesis consists of attending Jr. High Edge Nights throughout the school year.

1. Time: 6:15-7:45pm

2. Includes dinner

3. Candidates are asked to attend 13 of the 16 Edge nights offered throughout the school year

4. Please see the general attendance policy below.

5. Please see the attached date form for the dates of the Jr. High Edge Nights.

E. Sponsors

Sponsors must be practicing Catholics, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, and be at least 16 years of age. Parents cannot sponsor their own children. Sponsors who not registered at St. Theresa Parish must supply us with a sponsor certificate signed by the pastor of their parish. Sponsors are asked to attend the Saturday Day of Reflection from 2:45 – 4pm.

F. Final Interview/Request for Confirmation

This will include a questionnaire to be returned to the coordinator of Youth Ministry

H. Rehearsal

I. Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation

V. Cost The registration fee for the Confirmation program is \$95.00. This covers meals and supplies for Jr. High Edge nights and the Saturday Day of Reflection. Checks can be made payable to, 'St. Theresa Parish.' If you are unable to pay the full amount, please contact the Youth Ministry office immediately, scholarships are available. Any donations for those who cannot cover their costs would be greatly appreciated.

VI. Attendance Candidates are required to 13 of the 16 Jr. High Edge nights. In the case of an absence, a suitable means of make-up work will be determined. It is strongly recommended to avoid this route of preparation. Any teen dismissed during a meeting for disciplinary matters will be marked absent for the entire day.

Questions: Please Call Ryan Howe, Coordinator of Youth Ministry, at 602-840-0850.

Program Dates
Jr. High Confirmation Program
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Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation

A. Saturday Day of Reflection	April 17 th , 2010 Time: Noon-4pm Location: McMahon Center
B. Jr. High Edge Nights	September 16 th , 2009 September 30 th October 14 th October 28 th November 11 th December 2 nd December 16 th January 20 th , 2010 February 3 rd February 17 th March 3 rd March 17 th March 31 st April 14 th April 28 th May 12 th
C. Confirmation Rehearsal	TBA
D. Sacrament of Confirmation	TBA

Note: This year Easter is on April 4th, 2010