

## OLMC: Confirmation Program Outline (guide)

Confirmation program is Decision Point by Dynamic Catholic (please view online) a video series and workbook. Complete workbooks and leader guide available for download, printing, and viewing for free online. Also, there are parent and sponsor resources, and much more.

1. <http://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/>

2. Supplemented with the Baltimore Catechism

3. Also for your use is Alpha for Teens (dvd series)

◆ **Confirmation students are required to fulfill 10 hours of community service**

◆ **They are also required to complete 3 essays during the year.:**

1. Essay: Why I wish to be Confirmed

2. Essay: Who is my sponsor and why I chose him or her.

3. They are to choose a Confirmation (saint name) and complete an essay of who the saint is and why they chose them.

\* These may be turned in to Mr. Ben Nascambeni, Mrs. Christine DiVenuto, or Michelle Temple-Forna via e-mail, [religioused.olmcspfld@gmail.com](mailto:religioused.olmcspfld@gmail.com).

\*Any questions please call, Michelle 478-1705 or Christine 204-7789

\* please turn these in on or before September 18, 2016

**They will attend the Confirmation retreat** . If they cannot attend our scheduled retreat, they will be scheduled with another parish to complete the retreat.

◆ **They will attend the rehearsal: Weds. October 5th, 2016** (with Sponsor)

◆ **They will attend the Confirmation Blessing Mass and Student, Parent, Sponsor lunch and workshop.** (new this year)

◆ They will help organize Operation Christmas Child.

◆ They will attend and support First Communion students at their Blessing Mass and with help where needed.

◆ **All school work is expected to be completed.** If they are absent, they are responsible for getting completed work to Mr. Nascemebeni. the following week or as he directs you. If someone knows they will be out, they must get assignments ahead of time.

◆ **Sacramental Rite attire will be dignified. and appropriate for church.** \*Please see The Sacrament of Confirmation General Information and Etiquette Guide

# OLMC Spfld. Confirmation Requirements (for 10th grade)

- ◆ **Parents and Sponsors are to play a key role in preparing their young adult for Confirmation.** They are to discuss with their young adult his/her readiness and willingness to prepare for Confirmation. The Sacrament should be received freely and with a personal desire, not as a result of conformity to pressure.
- ◆ **Knowledge of the Catholic faith and a desire to live it, displayed in weekly Mass attendance,** service to others, and every day living and prayer.
- ◆ **Attend the Confirmation Retreat.** A retreat is a time when teens can withdraw from their normal activities, to reflect upon their lives and the movement of the Holy Spirit in their lives. *\*If you cannot make the date through our parish program, we will book you at another date with another parish Confirmation class.*
- ◆ **Attend all CCD sessions in preparation for Confirmation and complete the assignments:** Absences require explanation to a Religious Education Coordinator. If a class is missed the student must make up the work. If you are absent, **you are responsible** for getting completed work to Mr. Nascemebeni the following week or as he directs you. If you know you will be out, you must get assignments ahead of time.
- ◆ **They are also required to complete 3 essays during the year:** The essays must show thought and preparation. **Essay 1:** Why I wish to be Confirmed. State your desire to be Confirmed as a Catholic Christian. **Essay 2:** Who is my Sponsor and why I chose him or her. **Essay 3:** Who is the saint of whose name I chose, and why I chose them.
- ◆ **Service Hours: *Christ did not come to be served, but to serve.*** Students are asked to complete a total of 10 service hours prior to Confirmation. The service hours should touch all three of these important categories: *Community, Church, and Home:* **Community** – This would be contacting a non-profit organization and scheduling a time to come in to volunteer, or participating in a community fundraising or awareness walk. **Church** – This would be contacting an area of the church where you would like to volunteer time. *\*Examples would be attending a committee meeting, serving/ushering/ greeting/ reading at specified Masses, CCD aide, faith formation aide, ect.* **Home** – This should be a service that the student doesn't already do on a consistent basis. Step outside the box and find something new that you can volunteer to help with at home.
- ◆ **Candidates must choose a Sponsor.** Candidates are encouraged to choose someone who is a significant Catholic adult to them. The sponsor should be someone with whom the candidate feels comfortable discussing serious matters, and who will be willing to share his/her faith life with the candidate whenever possible. importance of the Christian life-style by his/her words and actions, support to the candidate when he/she moves through periods of crisis or questioning concerning his/her faith or value system.
- ◆ **Your Confirmation Sponsor must have the following qualifications:** 1. Is at least 16 years old. . 2 NOT your parent. 3. Is a *Confirmed* and actively practicing Catholic, who is trying to live out their faith. 4. Be able to attend the Confirmation Mass and rehearsal **Please note:** *It is appropriate that a Baptismal Sponsor could also be a Confirmation Sponsor if they meet these criteria.*
- ◆ **Choosing a Confirmation Name:** In Scripture we are told that God calls each of us by name. Names identify people in unique ways. A Confirmation name marks a new beginning in a Christian's life as well as serves as a reaffirmation of the promises made at Baptism. As Catholics, we know that saints can be powerful intercessors. At Confirmation we should pick the name of a saint who will inspire us to becoming a better Christian. In essence, you are calling on that saint to assist you with your purpose in life. **Note:** *You may choose to retain your Baptismal name. The use of the candidate's Baptismal name can serve to further emphasize the threefold process of Christian initiation: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist.*