

There is a God
who loves me

He lives
within me.

There is a world
that needs Him.

So, He sent
me to them.

This is my

PURPOSE

About Me

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

My confirmation name is _____.

My sponsor's name is _____.

My relationship to my sponsor is _____.

My small group leader names are
_____ & _____.

Small group leader's email address is
_____.

My small group meets on _____ at
(time) _____.

Confirmation Workbook

This workbook will be your road map to Confirmation. It includes reflections, and journal entries for your Confirmation preparation. There are NO wrong answers. We want you to be open and honest. This workbook will be used at each small group session and retreat. These submissions aide your small group leaders to help guide you on your journey. Some submissions will be seen by Confirmation leadership. We ask you to be honest with all your answers. EVERYTHING WILL BE KEPT CONFIDENTIAL! (The only exemption is if sharing the information would prevent physical harm or prevent a crime.)

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Prayers

Come Holy Spirit

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful
and kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit and they shall be created
and you will renew the face of the Earth.

Lord,
by the light of the Holy Spirit
You have taught the hearts of your faithful.
In the same Spirit
help us to relish what is right
and always rejoice in your consolation.
We ask this through Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hail Mary

Hail Mary, full of Grace,
the Lord is with Thee;
Blessed art amongst women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.

Holy Mother, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death.
Amen

Confirmation is

A sacrament is an outward sign of God's inward grace. Confirmation is the third and final sacrament of initiation you will receive. It is directly linked to your Baptism and the Eucharist. When you receive the sacrament of Confirmation you internally receive the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit gives you the strength to fulfill your Baptismal promises, and to spread and defend the faith in both word and deed. By receiving the Holy Spirit, you are bound to the church in a more complete way. (CCC #1285) To quote a great superhero "With great power comes great responsibility." When you say yes to being Confirmed you are saying you will be a faithful Catholic, by attending mass, going to frequent confession, praying regularly, evangelizing the faith, and treating others as Christ did with love and forgiveness.

Do you feel there are any things or reasons that would keep you from being a faithful Catholic? If so what and why?

Confirmation Name

The selecting of a confirmation name is a tradition that dates back to the 3rd or 4th century. It was based off the tradition of many great biblical figures receiving a new name at the start of their ministry such as Abram who became Abraham, Simon who became Peter, Saul who became Paul. In the tradition, a person would choose a saint to be their patron or chosen saint. It would be someone they deeply admired and felt a connection to. They also would pray (talk to that saint) asking for their chosen saint's intercession every day. The saint's feast day would now become a special day and be celebrated as much or more than the person's birthday.

The Archdiocese of Baltimore does not require a selection of a saint name, but does say it is a worthy practice, and if a candidate would like to select a saint name they may. If they do not select a saint name, they should use their baptismal name (birth name). The saint's name is recorded along with the date of Confirmation Mass

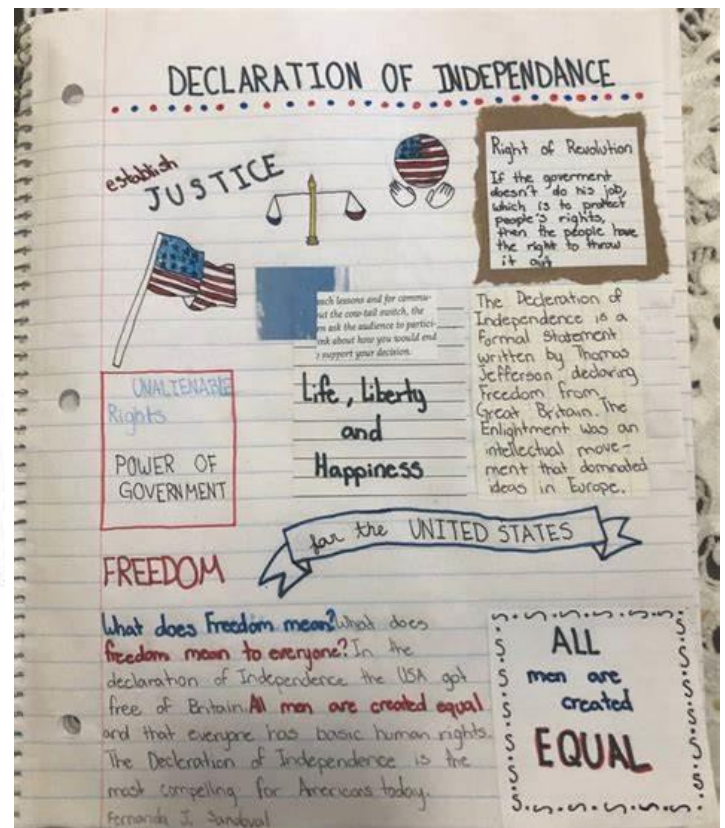
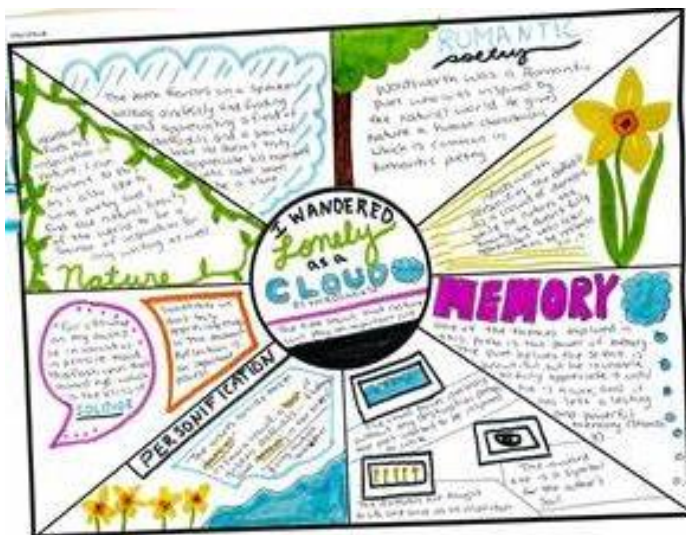
1. What name are you choosing?

2. Why have you selected this name?

Saint -one pager- Project

(bring completed project to 7th small group to share)

- Use the saint's name you are choosing as your Confirmation name for this project. (baptismal name or chosen saint name)
- Use one page of 8x11 paper.
- Must be neat- can be handwritten or created digitally.
- Must include:
 - Saint name
 - Pictures of saint (no more than 3)
 - Feast Day
 - Patron of...
 - Country from
 - Miracles
 - 2 Fun facts
 - Death day & how they died
 - Birthdate
 - What religious life did they lead?
- Be creative! Colorful and Neat
 - No blank space on the paper.
- Bring to your 7th small group session to share and discuss.
 - If sick during the 7th small group, bring to the 8th small group session.



Bishop Letter

(will begin in session directly after retreat- due 6th small group session)

The Bishop has asked that at Confirmation candidates write him a letter about your preparation for Confirmation. Please share your thoughts about the following:

- What do you think will be the most significant change in your life because of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation?
- remember that those who are confirmed are true witnesses of Christ and are therefore required to spread the faith by word and deed. What are some practical ways that you can evangelize?
- What was your service project?
- Are you willing to think and pray about becoming a priest or sister?

Answering the above questions is IMPORTANT. Other guidelines to help you:

- What have you learned so far in your Confirmation journey?
- Are there changes you have made in your life?
- Talk about your retreat experience.
- How has your sponsor influenced you through this journey?

Your completed letter should be given to your small group leader.

- must be typed, 12pt font
- keep it to one page
- start your letter with "Dear Bishop Parker" or "Your Excellency"
- we are Catholic (uppercase "C")
- we believe in God (uppercase "G")
- when referring to God – He, Him - should be capitalized
- you are being confirmed (not conformed)
- adoration is correct spelling

Take your time and put some effort into this. Review your letter for grammar and spelling errors. Your small group leader will help- just ask! The Bishop will actually read your letter and remember most of the letters- and who wrote each one. He is known for talking with confirmandi prior to the confirmation mass about their letters.



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OFFICE OF THE AUXILIARY BISHOP

Dear Confirmation Candidate,

Congratulations on your upcoming Confirmation! I am very much looking forward to meeting you and to conferring the sacrament of Confirmation upon you. Until then, I will remember you in prayer as you prepare to receive the Gifts of the Holy Spirit in this most wonderful sacrament.

As you prepare for the sacrament, and so that I can know a little bit more about you, I am asking you to write me a short letter in which you share with me your thoughts about being confirmed. In particular,

- What do you think will be the most significant change in your life as a result of receiving the sacrament of Confirmation?
- Remember that those who are confirmed are true witnesses of Christ and are therefore required to spread the faith by word and deed. What are some practical ways that you can spread the faith? What obstacles do you think you might encounter?
- What type of service project did you do in preparation for Confirmation and in what way will you serve the Church in the future?
- Are you willing to think and pray about becoming a priest or a sister?

Your letter need not be long, but I do ask you to give it some thought. You may give your letter to your Confirmation teacher who will forward it to me along with those of the other candidates.

May this time of preparation for Confirmation be a source of great grace and peace for you, your family and your sponsor; and may God who has begun this good work in you bring it to fulfillment!

in the Lord,

Most Reverend Adam I. Parker
Auxiliary Bishop of Baltimore

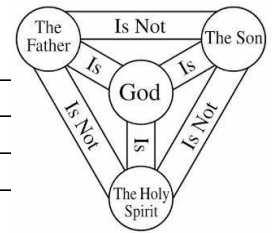
Small Group Session 1

Adjective that starts with same first letter as your first name: _____

This is not a class- this is a small group!

Why are you here?

Define consubstantial:



I believe in **one, holy, catholic and apostolic** church. Discuss as a small group.

List 3 adjectives to describe God.

Define evangelize:

The Nicene Creed

I believe in one God,
the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the Only Begotten Son of God,
born of the Father before all ages.
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us men and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary,
and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate,
he suffered death and was buried,
and rose again on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.
I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins
and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.

Reflection #1

(to be completed during session #1)

1. Do you believe in God?

2. Do you attend mass on regular basis? Why or Why not?

3. Do you believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Why or Why not?

4. Describe your prayer life. (How often? When? Where? With whom? What- rote or freestyle? Why?)

5. What do you do if/when you were to sin?

6. Do you think you could ever evangelize? Why?

7. Do you think God is in your daily life?

Bible Scavenger Hunt

(to be completed during session #2)

In small groups, you will use the Bible to find each verse. Each verse will reference or relate to one of the three symbols of the Holy Spirit – fire, oil, or dove. See how many you can read and identify within 5 min. We will review the answers as a large group.

Bible Verse	Fire, Oil or Dove?
Luke 3:16	
John 12:3-8	
1 Samuel 16:13	
Mark 1:9-11	
Luke 12:49	
Mark 14:3-9	
John 1:32-34	
Exodus 3:1-5	
Matthew 26: 6-13	
Exodus 19:18	
Matthew 3:16-17	
Genesis 8:8-12	

SPACE STATION MISSION

A space station is being set up with the mission to establish a new society based on the teachings of Jesus. You have been chosen to embark on this exciting journey! You will also have the opportunity to give your input on which type of individuals should be included in this new society, so choose wisely!



What kind of individuals do you need in this new society?	Why do you need these individuals in the new society?	What gifts/talents do they have to offer that would be beneficial to the new society?

Gifts of the Holy Spirit

Part 1: Matching

Match the gift with the correct definition by writing the letter next to the number.

1. Wisdom	a. Enables us to make right, proper and timely choices in accordance with God's will and direction.
2. Understanding	b. Enables us to see how little we are before God and to abandon ourselves with humility and trust into His hands.
3. Counsel	c. Enables us to choose between right and wrong by seeing the world, situations, circumstances, and problems through God's eyes.
4. Fortitude	d. Enables us to know God and learn things about God using human intellect.
5. Knowledge	e. Enables us to comprehend or grasp the meaning of things as God understand them, with the mind of God.
6. Piety	f. Enables us to love and obey God because we know and accept Him as our loving and all-powerful Heavenly Father.
7. Fear of the Lord	g. Enables us to endure persecutions and contempt from people, difficulties, sufferings, or humiliations in honor of God and our Catholic faith.

Part 2: Personality Quiz

Scan the QR code to take the personality quiz to find out which Gift of the Holy Spirit is most active in your life.



Part 3: Discussion (discuss each gift with simplified terms)

Wisdom: saving money. Thoughtful, measured decisions. Consider long-term consequences.

Understanding: solve quadratic equations. Beyond rote memorization, it shows the ability to adapt, apply, and connect information.

Counsel: guidance to others. Offer insight and recommendations to aid in making an informed choice.

Fortitude: determination and strength in the face of adversity.

Knowledge: how to drive a car, how to use a computer, how to cook a meal- each skill or piece of information is based on learned knowledge

Piety: demonstrated through religious devotion in daily choices. Prayer, fasting, helping those in need, and striving to live by the teachings of Jesus.

Fear of the Lord: strives to live with reverence, awe, and respect for God in their daily actions, decisions, and relationships. Respectful knowledge of His power, authority, goodness, integrity, and love.

Part 4: Saint Biographies and Prayer

Small Group Session 4

Four types of prayer in our lives: ACTS- Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication

Journaling in small group session:

1. Which type of prayer do you use more often?

2. Who is the most prayerful person in your life? _____

3. What about this person makes them so prayerful?

What difference would more prayer add to your life?

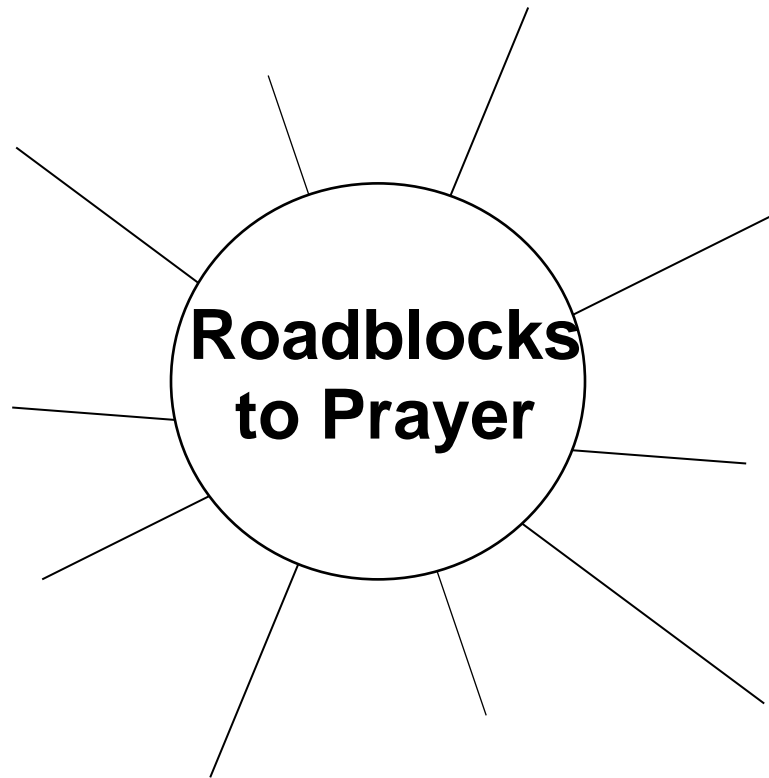
What steps could you take to add more prayer in your life?

Are you more likely to pray when things are going well or when things are going poorly? Explain.

What are different ways that you pray?



What are distractions to your prayer time?



Retreat

Where are we going? We will be staying at River Valley Ranch in Manchester, MD. You are responsible for dropping your teen at RVR and picking them up after the retreat.

What time do I need to drop my teenager off and pick them up? We are asking that teens with the last name A-L are dropped off at RVR between 5:00 -5:25 pm and teens with the last name M-Z are dropped off 5:25 - 5:50 pm. This is a request as I am sure some of these times might be challenging for certain work schedules. However, a staggered arrival time we believe will help make this process much easier (and faster!) for everyone involved. We ask that you drop your teen off at the "Rodeo Arena" (see map on the next page). We also encourage you to carpool to reduce the traffic on the campus. If there is rain, we will change drop off and pick up area to the Buffalo Lodge. I will send out an email on the Thursday prior with any updates.

Pick Up on Sunday will be at 11:30 am.

[At the drop off, we also ask you to drop off any donations from the Sign-up Genius or monetary donations to offset the costs for our service projects](#)

Paperwork: There are two forms your family needs to complete for this retreat. Please see the email for the links!

Medicine: If your teen has any medicine, you need them to have for the weekend, we will need you to check this medicine in with our medical team. We are blessed to have a Mike Johnson (who is a paramedic) that at will be managing our medical needs for the weekend. In addition to handing the medicine to our medical team, we will need you to fill out the included form (see the email). We encourage you to bring this form with you printed and filled out to the check-in to speed up your drop off time.

Dietary Concerns: One of the reasons we love working with RVR is they handle dietary concerns especially well. You can arrange dietary substitutions directly through the kitchen's website which is available here: <https://www.rivervalleyranch.com/dietary-requests/event/> **Please use our Event ID:** 100954. If you have food specific questions, please do not hesitate to contact the RVR Food Service Team: chef@rivervalleyranch.com

What is the packing list?

Things to Bring

- Comfortable, Warm Clothes (Jeans & Sweats fine). Comfortable athletic shoes (like tennis shoes)
- Old, Warm clothes for our RVR activities (depending on the weather, they may get muddy)
- Bed Sheets OR Sleeping bag, pillow
- Bathroom toiletries (toothbrush, shampoo, bathroom sandals, towel, etc.)
- Jacket
- Donation items! - please see sign-up genius
- An open heart

Things not to bring

- Illegal Drugs, alcohol, vape, etc.
- Weapons
- Anything that could get Kenn fired or get your teen sent home early
- Bad attitudes

Who will be Going on this retreat? Your teen's small group leader for Purpose and Life Teen leaders. In addition to those outside of the Purpose Program, we will have some other adults from our LIFE TEEN CORE team (high school youth ministry) and our parish school attending to help chaperone this event.

Where will my teen be staying? We will be staying in the dormitories on RVR's campus. We do not know which dorms we will be in yet. I will notify you when I have that information. Boys and girls are housed in separate buildings.

What is the Policy on Phones? Cell phones **are not** permitted for confirmation students attending the retreat, as is the policy with Carroll County Outdoor education. Unfortunately, phones create more problems than they solve on a retreat and provide a constant distraction for our students at times we want them to be interacting in their small groups, praying or trying to go to bed. We also understand that we live in a world that is full of chaos, and it can be disconcerting to be out of touch from your teenager for a weekend. We will provide you with the contact for your teen's small group leader the week prior to retreat so you can be in touch with your teen to check in on them. You are also free to contact Kenn deMoll (retreat director) directly at 240-409-3657. RVR's office line is 443-712-1010 (someone may not always be there)

What will my teen be doing? We have attached our current schedule. We ask that you please do not share information with your teen as a big part of a retreat experience is disconnecting from our over scheduled lives. Your teen will get the chance to experience keynote talks, small group sessions (with their weekly small group), prayer time, sacramental experiences (Reconciliation, Mass and Eucharistic Adoration), games, music and more.

Part of their retreat experience will be participating in some of the RVR adventure activities. We have contracted with RVR to allow our teens to do offer: Bubble Ball, Ninja Barn or the Outdoor Climbing Tower. Teens are also not required to do activities.

Can we (St. John) ask you (the parents) a favor? If there is something going on in your teen's life that could impact them while they are on retreat, please let us know that. All information you share with us is confidential but if something major is happening in their life (the death of a loved one, a loved one is in the hospital, a unique family situation, etc) please let our retreat team know so we can best help your teen have a great experience.

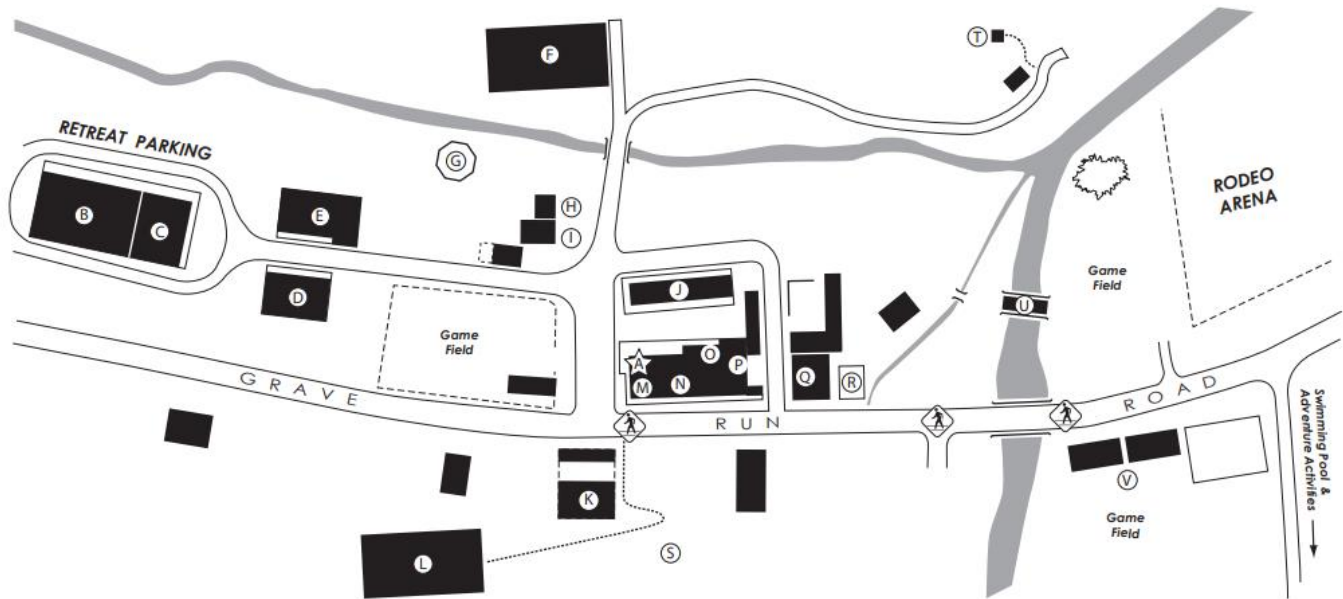
We know this can feel like a lot and it is a lot! But, we can also assure you that the retreat is a high point in the confirmation process and we are so looking forward to the experience with your young people.


We will send out a reminder email prior to the retreat. Please be assured of the prayers the whole retreat team is saying for your family!



Retreat Facilities Map

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- | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| A - Main Office | G - Gaga Pit | L - Horse Center (horse rides) | R - Dining Tent & Patio |
| B - Buffalo Lodge (gymnasium) | H - Jailhouse | M - Longhorn (game room) | S - Zip Line Exit |
| C - Buffalo Lodge (meeting space) | I - Stage Depot | N - Wagon Wheel (snack shop) | T - Climbing Tower |
| D - The Line Camp (dormitory) | J - Livery Bunkhouse (dormitory) | O - Tradin' Post (gift shop) | U - Covered Bridge |
| E - Muddy Creek House (dormitory) | K - Activity Barn (indoor climbing, mini golf, etc...) | P - Oxbow (meeting space) | V - Pavilion Area |
| F - Old Town Meeting House (meeting space) | | Q - The Mill (dormitory/dining room) |  = Designated Crossing (cross here only) |

Retreat

SEEK, KNOW, & LOVE

Reflect on the following questions and choose one or two of the suggested challenges to work on during your free time on the retreat. What expectations do you have for this retreat?

Are you searching for anything in particular? A deeper relationship with God? Answers to questions about the faith? Faith-centered friendships?

Do you believe that God is love and that He loves you? What makes it easy for you to believe this? What makes it difficult?

Choose one or two of the following:

- Spend some of your free time in silence.
- Pick a spiritual book to read during free time or before you go to bed.
- Make an intentional effort to share during small group discussions.
- Do an examination of conscience and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- Read Psalm 42 and write down any words or phrases that stick out to you.
- Take a moment to pray. Open your hands in your lap as a sign of openness and ask God to show you His love for you.

CUT & FILL | AN EXAMINATION OF CONSCIENCE

Slowly and prayerfully use the following to examine your conscience.

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.

What have I placed before God? Have I missed Mass on Sunday because of sports? Do I daydream during Mass instead of participating? Am I too busy to pray because of commitments to extracurricular activities? Am I more concerned with relationships with friends and significant others than with my relationship with God?

2. You shall not make idols.

Do I value anything above God? Do I worship technology, Apple products, clothing brands, celebrities, social media personalities, etc.? Have I participated in the occult, Ouija boards, fortune tellers, channeling, astrology, horoscopes, reiki, magic, etc.?

3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Do I use words to put down God or the Church?

4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Have I missed Mass on Sunday because of sports or another activity? Do I rest on Sunday and spend time with my family or praying, or am I busy doing homework?

5. Honor your father and mother.

Have I ever spoken unkindly about my parents? Have I yelled angrily at them? Willfully disobeyed them or lied to them? Have I been disobedient to those in authority over me? Teachers? Coaches? Law enforcement? Core Members?

6. You shall not murder.

Have I killed someone's reputation through lies and slander? Have I manipulated situations or people to hurt another? Have I gotten angry or held grudges and resentments? Have I refused to forgive others? Have I cultivated hatred? Have I mocked or made fun of another? Have I supported abortions? Have I advocated for euthanasia or the death penalty? Have I sped or texted while driving? Have I gotten drunk or taken drugs?

7. You shall not commit adultery.

Have I looked lustfully at others? Have I lustfully kissed or sexually touched someone? Have I visited pornographic websites? Have I engaged in any sexual activity outside of marriage?

8. You shall not steal.

Have I stolen media off the Internet? Downloaded music, movies, or tv shows? Have I shoplifted? Have I wasted something that belonged to another?

9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Have I gossiped, told lies, or embellished stories at the expense of another?

10. You shall not covet.

How many hours a day do I spend on social media? Do I find myself jealous or sad that others are doing more than I, have more than I, or look cooler than I perceive myself to be? Are there things my family and friends have that I am jealous of?

1. You shall have no other gods before Me.
2. You shall not make idols.
3. You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.
4. Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.
5. Honor your father and mother.

6. You shall not murder.
7. You shall not commit adultery.
8. You shall not steal.
9. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Select two or three of the commandments you confessed. Write them on the line below.

Underneath the line, write activities and negative behaviors you need to cut out, and then write ideas of activities and positive behaviors you can add to fill that space.

1. _____

What do I need to cut out?

What can I add to fill its place?

2. _____

What do I need to cut out?

What can I add to fill its place?

3. _____

What do I need to cut out?

What can I add to fill its place?

Dry Bones

Ezekiel 37:1-10

The hand of the LORD came upon me, and he led me out in the spirit of the LORD and set me in the center of the broad valley. It was filled with bones.

He made me walk among them in every direction. So many lay on the surface of the valley! How dry they were!

He asked me: Son of man, can these bones come back to life?
“Lord GOD,” I answered, “you alone know that.”

Then he said to me: Prophecy over these bones, and say to them:
Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!

Thus says the Lord GOD to these bones: Listen! I will make breath enter you so you may come to life.

I will put sinews on you, make flesh grow over you, cover you with skin, and put breath into you so you may come to life. Then you shall know that I am the LORD.

I prophesied as I had been commanded. A sound started up, as I was prophesying, rattling like thunder. The bones came together, bone joining to bone.

As I watched, sinews appeared on them, flesh grew over them, skin covered them on top, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me: Prophecy to the breath, prophesy, son of man!
Say to the breath: Thus says the Lord GOD: From the four winds come, O breath, and breathe into these slain that they may come to life.

I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath entered them; they came to life and stood on their feet, a vast army.

Questions for Discussion

1. Describe what you imagined to your group.
2. What part of the vision stood out the most in your imagination?
3. What does your answer to question 1 say about your life, the state of your heart or your relationship with God?
4. Where in your life right now do you feel like “dry bones”?
5. Do you believe God can bring resurrection to your life like He does in the vision? Why or why not?



Reflection #2

(to be completed on Retreat)

1. Do you believe in God?

2. Do you attend mass on regular basis? Why or Why not?

3. Do you believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Why or Why not?

4. Describe your prayer life. (How often? When? Where? With whom? What- rote or freestyle? Why?)

5. What do you do if/when you were to sin?

6. Do you think you could ever evangelize? Why?

7. Do you think God is in your daily life?

Small Group Session 5

Mass Quiz

1. There are two parts of the Mass:
The Liturgy of the _____ and the Liturgy of the _____.
2. The first reading at Mass normally comes from the _____ Testament.
3. What is the name of the reading/song between the first and second readings?
4. The second reading at Mass comes from the _____ Testament.
5. Who reads the gospel? (name both possible answers)
6. What are the different liturgical seasons in the Church? List all five.
7. True or False? It is a mortal sin to miss Sunday mass.
8. What is the name of the white robe-like garment worn by the priest?
9. What is the word for the bread and wine becoming the Real Presence?
10. Who was the first person to leave the first Mass early?
11. What at the Sunday mass times at St. John's? (Including Saturday- list all six)
12. What are the names of the priests at St. John's?

Small Group Session 6

Role-Play Guide

Step 1-

Priest: what name have you given your child?

Parents: create a name and say it to the Priest.

Priest: What do you ask of God's church?

Parents: "Baptism"

Step 2-

Godmother: hold the baby

Priest: pour water over the baby's head 3 times using the seashell. The priest should say "(Baby's name), I baptize you in the name of the father (pour some water), and the Son (pour some water) and the Holy Spirit (pour some water).

Step 3.

Priest: take the Chrism (oil) and say to the baby "we now anoint you with the Chrism of salvation, so that you may remain as a member of Christ, Priest, Prophet and King, unto eternal life."

Everyone: "amen".

Priest: Use your thumb to place some oil on the crown of the baby's head.

Step 4.

Priest: says, "(Baby's name) you have become a new creation and have clothed yourself in Christ. May this garment be a sign to you of your Christian dignity."

A godparent: dress the baby in a white garment

Step 5.

Godfather: light a candle and stand next to the baby.

Priest: says, "Parents and Godparents, this light is entrusted to you to be kept burning brightly so that your child, enlightened by Christ, may walk always as a child of the light."

After the role-play has ended, have everyone switch roles. The goal is for everyone to have a turn as the priest and pretend to baptize the baby.

Small Group Session 6

Renewal of Baptismal Vows

Dim the lights in your room, re-light one of the candles and place the Holy Water within the circle. Explain to the small group that you are inviting them to renew their baptismal promises. The reason we renew our promises throughout the year is to remind ourselves what we believe and how we are called to live. They should answer each question with a firm “I do.”

Small Group leader: *If your faith makes you ready to renew your responsibility, then, mindful of your own Baptism, renounce sin and profess faith in Christ Jesus, the faith of the Church, in which you were baptized:*

- *Do you renounce sin, so as to live in the freedom of the children of God?*
- *Do you renounce the lure of evil, so that sin may have no mastery over you?*
- *Do you renounce Satan, the author and prince of sin?*
- *Do you believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*
- *Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?*
- *Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?*

Small Group leader: *This is our faith. This is the faith of the Church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

All: *Amen.*

After renewing their promises, invite the teens to come forward and sign themselves with Holy Water.

Close the renewal by praying the Our Father together.

Small Group Session 8

Confirmation Roleplay

Step 1: Renewal of Your Baptismal Vows. Remind the teens that Confirmation is a verification of their Baptism. So, the first step is to renew their Baptismal promises. This is what we did last week:

Bishop: Do you renounce Satan, and all his works, and all his empty promises?

Confirmandi: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?

Confirmandi: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was born of the Virgin Mary, suffered death and was buried, rose again from the dead and is seated at the right hand of the Father?

Confirmandi: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who today through the Sacrament of Confirmation is given to you in a special way just as he was given to the Apostles on the day of Pentecost?

Confirmandi: I do.

Bishop: Do you believe in the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting?

Confirmandi: I do.

Bishop: This is our faith. This is the faith of the church. We are proud to profess it in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Confirmandi: Amen.

Step 2: Anointing and Laying on of Hands

Next have the teens lined up to be anointed by the Bishop. The Bishop anoints the forehead with "chrism" saying:

Bishop: "X, be sealed with the gifts of the Holy Spirit."

Newly Confirmed: Amen.

Bishop: Peace be with you.

Newly Confirmed: And with your spirit

Reflection #3

1. Do you believe in God?

2. Do you attend mass on regular basis? Why or Why not?

3. Do you believe Jesus is present in the Eucharist? Why or Why not?

4. Describe your prayer life. (How often? When? Where? With whom? What- rote or freestyle? Why?)

5. What do you do if/when you were to sin?

6. Do you think you could ever evangelize? Why?

7. Do you think God is in your daily life?

Confirmation in Scripture

The Holy Spirit Comes at Pentecost Acts 2:1-12

² When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. ² Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. ³ They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. ⁴ All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues^[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

⁵ Now there were staying in Jerusalem God-fearing Jews from every nation under heaven. ⁶ When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard their own language being spoken. ⁷ Utterly amazed, they asked: "Aren't all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ Then how is it that each of us hears them in our native language? ⁹ Parthians, Medes and Elamites; residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia,^[a] ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome ¹¹ (both Jews and converts to Judaism); Cretans and Arabs—we hear them declaring the wonders of God in our own tongues!" ¹² Amazed and perplexed, they asked one another, "What does this mean?"

Peter Addresses the Crowd Acts 2: 1-14, 17-21, 25-28, 41

¹⁴ Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd:

¹⁷ "In the last days, God says,
I will pour out my Spirit on all people.
Your sons and daughters will prophesy,
your young men will see visions,
your old men will dream dreams.
¹⁸ Even on my servants, both men and women,
I will pour out my Spirit in those days,
and they will prophesy.
¹⁹ I will show wonders in the heavens above
and signs on the earth below,
blood and fire and billows of smoke.
²⁰ The sun will be turned to darkness
and the moon to blood
before the coming of the great and glorious day of the Lord.
²¹ And everyone who calls
on the name of the Lord will be saved.^[a]

²⁵ "I saw the Lord always before me.
Because he is at my right hand,
I will not be shaken.
²⁶ Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest in hope,
²⁷ because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
you will not let your holy one see decay.
²⁸ You have made known to me the paths of life;
you will fill me with joy in your presence.'

⁴¹ Those who accepted his message were baptized, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

Peter and John went to Samaria. Acts 14b-17

¹⁵ When they arrived, they prayed for the new believers there that they might receive the Holy Spirit,¹⁶ because the Holy Spirit had not yet come on any of them; they had simply been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. ¹⁷ Then Peter and John placed their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.