

Confirmation Program

Year One

2010-2011

Absences

Candidates are permitted 2 absences in Year One and 2 absences in Year Two (a total of 4 absences over two years.) There is required make-up work for each class missed. Failure to complete the make-up work will prevent the candidate from moving on to Year 2. If a candidate misses 3 classes, they will not be allowed to continue into Year 2 of Confirmation Preparation. They will either be removed from the program or will be asked to repeat Year One and will be Confirmed a year later than their classmates. Please avoid this inconvenience by making our monthly Confirmation sessions a priority.

Retreat Absences

Our day-long retreats are a necessary component in our Confirmation program. The candidates often gain much more from retreats than regular classes. It is very important that they share in these retreat experiences with their peers, even though they can be demanding on a busy teenager's schedule. Absence from one retreat is equivalent to two absences. This is due to the length of the retreat and out of respect for other participants. There is no make-up work for the retreat, however, please remember if a candidate misses more than 2 classes (equivalent to 1 retreat), they will not be allowed to continue into Year 2 of Confirmation Preparation.

Make-Up Classes

When a candidate misses a class, they will be required to complete make-up coursework. The coursework will need to be turned in with a form that needs to be signed by both the parent and candidate. The necessary make-up work & parent/candidate form will be provided when the class is missed and will need to be turned in at the next month's Confirmation session.

Please remember that even though the make-up work is completed, the missed class still counts as an absence. Only two absences, even with completed make-up work, are permitted. Failure to complete the make-up work will prevent the candidate from moving on to Year 2.

Homework

Each month, candidates will have a homework assignment to be completed with the assistance of their parents and/or sponsor. Their homework will be due to their small group leader at the following session. Parents will be contacted if homework is not turned in or is considered incomplete. Failure to turn in all homework by the end of the year will prevent the candidate from moving on to Year 2 of the Confirmation program.

Incentive for Perfect Attendance

Candidates who do not miss any Confirmation sessions over the course of the two year program will be acknowledged at their Confirmation ceremony in the Spring of 2012!