

# Confirmation Program

## Year Two

2010-2011

### Absences

Candidates are permitted 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 receive the Sacrament. Please avoid this inconvenience by making our monthly Confirmation sessions a priority.

### Retreat Absences

Our weekend retreat is mandatory. There is no substitute or make-up. If you have a conflict with the retreat, please contact us immediately at 232.3514

**WHEAT LETTERS:** An important part of the retreat features the distribution of Wheat Letters from parents and family members. A wheat letter is a letter of affirmation and support. A wheat letter should encourage a Confirmation candidate in their spiritual growth and journey with God. It should include words to uplift and touch the hearts of the Confirmation candidate. Wheat Letters should be collected from parents, sponsors, siblings, aunts, uncles, cousins, neighbors, etc. – anyone who is supportive of this candidate in life, and in their walk with Christ, particularly their decision to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. These are usually very touching letters that can include memories, hopes for the future and lots of love!

All wheat letter must be received by the Office of Youth Ministry at 2900 Hoover Ave, Ames, IA 50010 by **Monday, November 1, 2010**. Parent, please collect letters from family members before this date and turn them into our office by no later than November 1. THANK YOU! These letters will mean a lot to your child.

### 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.

### First Wednesday Mass & Archdiocesan Youth Rally

On the Confirmation Calendar, you will find 4 recommended Teen Masses at 6pm on Wednesday evenings before Confirmation class. These liturgies are planned specifically for the Confirmation candidates and any teens who want to attend a daily mass. We strongly recommend that Confirmation candidates attend these masses to get a sense of a liturgy that is geared towards their energy level! We also recommend participation in the Archdiocesan Youth Rally. It is so important for Confirmation candidates to understand that they are part of a universal church. The Youth Rally is a gathering of teens from around our diocese for awesome speakers, entertainment, service opportunities & a beautiful liturgy.

### Service Projects

There will be two Service Days planned in the school year. One will be a large group service project at Saint Cecilia and the date will be established as needs arise in the parish; it will most likely take place on a Saturday this fall. There will also be a Service Project completed in their small groups. The date of the small group service project will be set by the small group based on the members' interest and availability.