

9th Grade Confirmation 2018-2019

Course Description: 9th grade students will use tools such as the Bible, the Catechism, historical, scientific, and archeological evidence, and current events to gain a deeper understanding of their faith in a modern world. Students will be expected to listen to lectures, engage in group discussions, watch related media content, and complete in class assignments when necessary.

Class: Sundays 6:45-8:00pm

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REQUIRED READING

The Bible (I use the New American Bible, but any Catholic Bible will do).

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

- Actively listen and participate in weekly religious education classes.
- Attend *three* Youth Group meetings or events:
 - Meetings take place on Tuesdays from 6:30p-8:00pm (where indicated on the calendar)
 - Youth Group events (field trips, concerts, community service, etc.) will be announced to the class as well on the Youth Group bulletin board, the St. Joseph Youth Ministry Facebook/Twitter page, through the emailed newsletter, and in the weekly bulletin.
 - **Attending ONE LIFT: Praise and Worship night will count as TWO events!**
 - Of course, students are invited and encouraged to attend more than three meetings or events.
- Participate in an evening retreat with guests from New Spirit Inc.

CLASS THEMES

Free Will, Faith, Happiness, Courage, Forgiveness, Gifts of the Holy Spirit, Corporal Works of Mercy, The Mass, Eucharist, Theology of the Body, Vocations, Life, Religious Freedom, etc.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

Class attendance and participation are *required*.

A make-up assignment may be assigned if absence occurs.

More than three unexcused absences will need to be discussed with Fr. Ron to see if student can continue with class.

STUDENT BEHAVIOR POLICY

Students must act with respect and show Christian love to all of their fellow classmates. If a student personally attacks or demeans another for ***any*** reason, he or she will be asked to leave for the day. Their parent/s or guardian/s will be notified to pick up the student. This will count towards an unexcused absence.

DRESS CODE POLICY

Students will dress modestly not only for themselves, but for students around them.

- Shorts/skirts/dresses must not be shorter than fingertip length when the student's arm is placed at his or her side.
- No tube tops, muscle shirts, midriff styles, or revealing necklines.
- Clothing will not be excessively tight and must fit properly.
- Inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

CELL PHONE POLICY

Cell phones **cannot** be used in class unless for an emergency or family contact is needed. If a student is using their phone, he or she will be asked to give up their phone until the end of class.