



CONFIRMATION I 2018-2019

Vision:

The purpose of Confirmation Preparation is to give teenagers the opportunity to explore the Catholic faith at a new level as they journey towards the Sacrament. The Sacrament of Confirmation is a special time to say “YES” to Jesus’ mission – to recommit our relationship with God, to choose love and joy, to live generously, and to grow into the best version of our selves – and to receive God’s grace to live out Jesus’ mission in response to our “YES.” At Confirmation, students receive the Holy Spirit in a new way to empower them to live out their faith in actions and in the way they lives their lives. This new vision for Confirmation Preparation offers teenagers a more dynamic exploration of our faith through faith sharing discussions in **Small Group** and active **Formation** opportunities to engage in the life of the Church through a variety of activities with Youth Group. Attendance at all **Small Group** meetings is expected. The **Formation** component of the curriculum is designed to give teens options so that their formation can be customized to their individual interests. The purpose of the new **Formation** component of the program is to empower students to learn more actively about our faith, to create a dynamic approach to preparing for the Sacrament, and to engage the students in a more impactful experience of Confirmation prep on their faith journey.

The following calendar lays out the dates for the Small Group nights. Remember, attendance at all Small Group nights is expected to fully participate in the Confirmation Preparation program. A full calendar of Formation events will be released soon when we launch the *Build the Kingdom* app.

If you have not done so already, you are invited to learn more about the new Confirmation Prep program and the smart phone app *Build the Kingdom* at our final parent meeting for 2018-2019:

Monday, August 27 from 6:00-7:00pm at St. Zepherin Center

If you are unable to attend this meeting, please email Laura to set up an individual meeting time.

Calendar for Confirmation I Small Groups

In order to participate fully in Confirmation Preparation, students should plan to attend all of their Small Group meetings. Attendance at the 5:00pm Mass at St. Zepherin is encouraged. Please sign-up to bring snacks for Small Group through the App.

Small Groups will be Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm at St. Zepherin Center.

**September 9 OR September 17 Program Orientation 6:00-7:00pm For Students and Parents
January 13
January 27 Retreat Day: Noon-6:00pm at St. Zepherin including 5:00 Mass
February 10
March 3
March 10
March 17
March 24
March 31