

SJF Confirmation Syllabus

FORMAT: Large Group Gatherings Onsite. We currently average 80-100 new candidates a year for a total of 190+ candidates in the program.

SESSIONS

Year 1: Twelve 2-hour sessions scheduled twice a month. Two options are available: Sunday afternoon **OR** Monday evening. Candidates are allowed to attend the session that works with their schedule that week. If they are unable to attend either session, they must pick up all the handouts and complete with parent or sponsor. **More than one missed class must be made up when the next Year 1 group starts.**

This year we are offering 3 day long retreats for Year 1. Each candidate must choose & attend 1 of these retreats. (An additional fee is required).

Year 2: Six 2-hour sessions from September to February offered Sunday afternoon **OR** Monday evening. Candidates are allowed to attend the session that works with their schedule that week. If they are unable to attend either session, they must pick up all handouts and complete with their parent or sponsor. More than 1 absence is discouraged and requires an additional interview with Confirmation Coordinator. Included in monthly sessions is **Participation in Year 2- Living Stations of the Cross project in spring.** *No reflection paper for Year 2, but 2 Justice projects and attendance at 2 Prayer Encounters must continue...*

OTHER REQUIREMENTS-

Initial Interview: All Year 1 candidates and a parent must complete an interview with Confirmation Coordinator.

Year 1 & 2

Justice and Service (JAS): Candidates must do 2 service projects where *They Reflect the Face of Christ* each semester of the program. They can come to a St. John Fisher outreach activity, or they may participate in a community service activity, such as feeding the poor, helping the blind, visiting the elderly on their own. Candidates complete a reflection paper each semester of Year 1. The reflection paper is submitted to the Confirmation Coordinator by due date.

Year 1 & 2

Prayer Encounter and Worship (PEW): Candidates must participate in at least one prayer service or special liturgy per semester of the program. Candidates may select from a list provided by the Confirmation Coordinator. Upon completion, the candidate writes a reflection paper each semester and submits it to the Confirmation Coordinator by due date.

Year 2

Participation at Mass: This Ministry must start by May or June of the beginning of Year 2. **Candidates** may choose from a list of options & **participate in that ministry at Mass for a minimum of 1 year.** This includes Leader (reading the Prayers of the Faithful and announcements), Minister of Welcome (greeting and ushering together), Sacristan (setting up the altar), Altar Server, Choir Member or Instrumentalist, and Liturgical Movement (dance). These ministries may be done at any Mass and sign in sheets need to be filled out.

Year 2 Retreat: All candidates must attend a weekend retreat in Year 2. This retreat is out-of-town and is offered 3 times during Year 2. This is a mandatory requirement from the Pastor, and there is an additional fee.

Once you're registered, you will be given a website to check weekly to sign up for a time to schedule your initial interview with the Confirmation Coordinator.