

Dear Parents,

Thank you for your investment in your child's faith education! Below is an overview of our confirmation program and my expectations for the year. I ask a lot of the students, but I also wish to be flexible. Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any questions or concerns using my contact information below.

Purpose of Confirmation: To build a basic understanding of the Gospel and help confirmands develop a foundation for an adult faith and life of Christian Discipleship.

My Goals for the Confirmation Program and the larger Christian Education Program at Scranton Parish are grounded in the baptismal promises found in the Rite of Holy Baptism.

These Goals are to: 1. Build Christian Relationships 2. Know the Bible 3. Learn to Serve Others 4. Learn Spiritual and other Christian Practices 5. Grow and learn to articulate one's Faith. 6. Have access to Word/Sacrament.

#### Requirements

1. Attend class (Student or Parent must notify Pastor of absence ahead of time. **All absences require make up assignments**) and be respectful to Pastor and Classmates. The class creates a group Covenant regarding class behavior.
2. Tardiness (5 minute grace) is disrespectful of both the teacher and your fellow students. Being frequently late to class will result in disciplinary action or additional coursework.
3. Students will any additional complete Homework as assigned.
4. Attend worship as much as possible.
5. Attend the Confirmation Retreat at Badlands Ministries each Fall.
6. Help Participate in Youth Sundays at Peace and assistant in worship in their home congregations. These events can count towards points(explained below)
7. Students are required to complete activities to earn 25 points each term. Students have a check off sheet and their journal to use for notes and reports. They must complete at least one activity in each category, Worship Leadership, Worship Attendance, Read Scripture, and Christian Life. And then they may earn remaining points in whatever category they want.
8. Students are required over the summer to either attend bible camp or complete a service project at least once.

9. Students are encouraged to find an adult prayer partner to pray for them during their confirmation studies. Suggestions are Godparents, Grandparents, Family Member, or Family Friend.

Confirmation in the Scranton Parish is what I call a 2 year plus program. After 2 years of classes and summer assignments, confirmands are confirmed in the Fall of their 9th grade year, after preparing a faith statement and attending a few classes on the topic of Christian Life.

In addition to the Confirmation Retreat, each year students will also go on a field trip and participate in a service project as a part of class.

This year, in our lessons, 7th and 8th Graders will be covering stories in the life of Jesus, the New Testament, the Catechism, and topics relating to Christian life. 9th Graders will be covering an overview of the life of Jesus and topics around Christian Life.

Materials may be found under the Confirmation tab on the parish website, which is located at [www.scrantonparish.weebly.com](http://www.scrantonparish.weebly.com) . Make up assignments are also found under this tab.

Thank you,

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