

# ST. ELIZABETH PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

## TWO-YEAR PREPARATION: **Process for the Journey of Life**



### LIVING OUR FAITH AS DISCIPLES OF CHRIST: **MASS, CLASS & SERVICE**

(For all students including Home Study and Catholic School students)

All three elements, **Mass, Class and Service**, are essential to your child's preparation for the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. If an element is missing, we will work with you and your child to get them ready, even if it means, Confirmation at a later date. *"Your leadership as the first teachers of the faith to your children is going to enable your children to live their life as disciples of Christ and men and women who serve the community by being faithful followers of the Lord and his Church."* -Bishop William Murphy

#### **RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION**

Center classes, home study or at the Catholic School.

#### **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE**

Living the faith in terms of Sacramental life: Eucharist and Reconciliation

#### **SERVICE**

As followers of Jesus Christ we have an obligation to help the less fortunate.

**Go to our website, under Sacraments/Confirmation and watch: *A Word on Confirmation Preparation with Bishop William Murphy***

#### **MASS ATTENDANCE SIGN-IN PROCEDURE**

Sign-in sheets are in Room 109. Students, only, sign in after attending Mass. Sign-in sheets continue throughout the summer right up until the time of Confirmation.

If you are unable to attend Mass due to a serious reason (sickness or you are away and unable to get to a Church), please email the Confirmation Director ([mcalabrese@stelizabeth.org](mailto:mcalabrese@stelizabeth.org)).

If you attend Mass at another parish, have the priest or deacon from that parish sign their parish bulletin and scan the signed front cover of the bulletin and email it to the Director. You may also give the bulletin to the Confirmation Director during class time or drop it off at the Center. Please put **your child's first and last name** on the bulletin.

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**In addition to Mass and Class Attendance and Service, additional components are listed below by grade.**

#### **GRADE 7**

- **INFORMATION MEETING** for parent (September)
- **COMMITMENT CEREMONY** for parent and child (October)

**ASSESSMENT** Students will be assessed as to their readiness to enter grade 8.

#### **GRADE 8**

**INFORMATION MEETING** Held in November.

**ASSESSMENT AND INTERVIEW** Upon completion of grade 8, students will be assessed as to their readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. The pastor will determine which students are in need of further formation.

#### **GRADE 9**

- **RETREAT** (for Confirmandi)
- **RITE OF ENROLLMENT** (for Confirmandi and parent)
- **PENANCE SERVICE** (for Confirmandi and parent, sponsors welcome)
- **REHEARSAL** (for Confirmandi and sponsor)
- **CONFIRMATION MASS** (Tickets are always limited)



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### **CENTER-BASED RELIGION CLASS INFORMATION**

**Attendance at weekly Thursday evening religion classes in the Center, 7:15-8:30 p.m.**

**ATTENDANCE:** Students are required to attend class regularly. If your child has a legitimate reason for not attending a class, please email the director. Students who are absent are required to make up missed work. Please check with your child's catechist. Excessive absences may result in your child being dropped from our program. Please follow the calendar for specific dates and closings.

**PUNCTUALITY/EARLY WITHDRAWAL:** Classes begin promptly at 7:15 pm in the Church with prayer. All efforts must be made to be on time for class sessions. If a student must leave prior to the end of the session, an **EARLY WITHDRAWAL FORM** must be obtained from the desk monitor, completed by a parent, authorized by the Director and given to the catechist at the start of the session. Early withdrawal should be an exception.

**DRESS CODE:** Classes begin in church. Clothing should be appropriate.

**BATHROOM:** Please have your child use the bathroom before arriving at class. If your child has a physical condition that might require multiple trips to the bathroom, please inform the catechist or Director.

**ELECTRONIC DEVICES:** Electronic devices, with the exception of cell phones, should not be brought to class. Students are not to take their cell phones out in church or in the classroom.

**DISMISSAL:** For the safety of your child, a parent or authorized adult must come into the building to pick up their child at his or her classroom. If you would like another adult to pick up your child, a **PICK-UP PERMISSION FORM** is required. This form may contain the names of all adults who you have given permission to pick up your child and the form will be kept in the class folder.

**CONDUCT:** Students are expected to be prepared and ready to learn by behaving appropriately in the classroom and the church by following the class rules and not causing disruptions, by treating adults, peers and Church property with respect and Christian charity, and by walking slowly and quietly in the building. Students should bring their religion textbook and a pen or pencil to every class. There is a replacement fee for lost books. When entering the Church, we are entering Sacred Space and students are expected to act reverently (boys: no hats or hoods). Inappropriate behavior may result in a student's removal from the classroom setting to home school.

**CANCELLATION OF CLASSES:** If classes are cancelled due to inclement weather, cancellations will be announced on News 12 and on the Parish Website ([www.stelizabeth.org](http://www.stelizabeth.org)).

**SAFE ENVIRONMENT:** All who work and volunteer in Parish Faith Formation programs are in full compliance with the Diocesan Child Protection policies and procedures.

### **HOME-STUDY CLASS INFORMATION & ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS**

**INSTRUCTION:** Weekly religious instruction will be completed by your child, under your direction, at home. Please have your child bring his or her completed textbook when they come in for their assessment. All work in the textbook should be neatly completed in ink. Please remember to put your child's full name in the textbook.

**RELIGION FAIR:** In addition, all home-study students participate in a Religion Fair. Parents may advise, but do not have hands-on participation. Information will be sent home.

**ASSESSMENT GRADE 7:** Home study students will be required to meet with the Director of the Confirmation Program at the end of the school year for a written assessment.

**ASSESSMENT GRADE 8:** Home study students will be required to meet with the Director of the Confirmation Program at the end of the school year for a written assessment and for the Confirmation interview .

