

# **CONFIRMATION PREP (1<sup>ST</sup> YEAR) 9:30AM SUNDAY**

## **QUICK INFO:**

Catechists: Fred Forthofer, Ben Albanese,

Class Room #: Learning Center # 112

# of Students: 34

Language: English

Welcome to our Confirmation preparation program. If you are in this class, it means that you are in your first of two years of preparation to receive the sacrament of confirmation. We have worked hard to provide an experience that will cover the essential elements of our faith in an interesting and relevant manner and also to provide moments of encounter with our Lord Jesus.

## **First Year: Remote Preparation**

In the remote phase, catechists are to give special attention to assisting the candidates in their evangelization, exposure to the essentials (i.e., kerygma (see 6.2.3) of the faith, experiences of conversion, community, liturgy and prayer. (6.3.2.d)

*(From the "General Norms for the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation and the Formation of Candidates" for the Diocese of Raleigh.)*

## **FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION COURSE TIMETABLE**

<b>#</b>	<b>DATE</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>CURRICULUM</b>
1	SEPT 9/10	Introduction to the class	None
2	SEPT 16/17	Does God Exist? Why did God Create You?	LIT Level 1 – Ignite Q.1 & 2 YOUCAT
3	SEPT 30 / OCT 1	Why does God Allow Suffering in the World? Does Faith Conflict with Science?	LIT Level 2 – Spark Q.6 LIT Level 2 – Spark Q.9 YOUCAT
4	OCT 7/8	Was Jesus really God? Why Should I read the Bible?	LIT Level 1 – Q.3 LIT Level 2 – Q.4 YOUCAT
5	OCT 14/15	Introduction To the Bible	T3 The Teen Timeline
6	OCT 21/22	The Early World	T3 The Teen Timeline
7	OCT 28/29	The Patriarchs	T3 The Teen Timeline
8	NOV 4/5	Egypt & Exodus, Joshua and Judges	T3 The Teen Timeline

9	NOV 11/12	The Kingdom of God – United and Divided	T3 The Teen Timeline
10	NOV 18/19	The Exile the Return, and the Revolt	T3 The Teen Timeline
11	DEC 2/3	Jesus and the Gospels – Messianic Fulfillment	T3 The Teen Timeline
12	DEC 9/10	The Early Church and the Church Today	T3 The Teen Timeline
13	DEC 16/17	Review of 1 <sup>st</sup> Half / Christmas Party	

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14	JAN 6/7	What exactly is the Church? Has the Church ever messed up?	LIT – Level 3 – Q.1 LIT – Level 3 – Q.2 YOUCAT
15	JAN 13/14	Why is the Eucharist so important? Why Should I go to mass?	LIT – Level 1 – Q.7 LIT – Level 2 – Q.5
16	JAN 20/21	What is Dogma? Is it Possible to understand the Trinity?	LIT Level 4 – Q.9 LIT Level 5 – Q.2
17	JAN 27/28	Why do Christians get Baptized? Why Confirmation?	LIT Level 1 – Q.8 LIT Level 1 – Q.6
18	FEB 3/4	What is sin? What is the sacrament of Reconciliation and how does it help me?	LIT Level 3 – Q.8 LIT Level 3 – Q.9
19	FEB10/11	What is the Culture of Death and how do we defeat it? Why is abortion and contraception wrong?	LIT Level 2 – Q.8 LIT Level 3 – Q.2
20	FEB 17/18	What does the Church teach about Homosexuality?	LIT Level 3 – Q.6
21	FEB 24/25	How do I pray correctly? How do I meditate?	LIT Level 4 – Q.5 LIT Level 4 – Q.6
22	MAR 3/4	FLOATING GUEST SPEAKER	Buffer week for when someone comes to visit and gives a talk to the class.
23	MAR 10/11	What are my priorities? What is my vocation?	LIT Level 2 – Q.2 LIT Level 2 – Q.3
24	MAR 17/18	Hell	LIT Level 4 – Q.1

		Purgatory	LIT Level 4 – Q.2
25	APR. 7/8	Heaven What is the Beatific Vision?	LIT Level 4 – Q.3 LIT Level 5 – Q.4
26	APR 14/15	Why are Mary and the Saints So Important? How does one become a canonized Saint?	LIT Level 1 – Q.4 LIT Level 4 – Q.4
27	APR 21/22	SHORT TEST AND FINAL REVIEW	
28	APR 29/28	BUFFER WEEK FOR WEATHER	There is always one cancelled week due to inclement weather.

## **MATERIALS USED**

- **T-3 YOUTH BIBLE STUDY (8 Weeks)** *The Teen Timeline* —or T3— is the teen version of the revolutionary *Great Adventure Bible Timeline* learning system that hundreds of thousands of Catholic adults have used to learn the Bible. Dynamic teen presenter Mark Hart makes the Bible come alive for Catholic teens by unpacking God’s Word in a way they can relate to. T3 teaches teens the Bible by showing them the “big picture” of salvation history. When young students of the Bible first understand the “story,” they are eager to learn more. The net result: teens begin to wrap their minds and hearts around the Scriptures. They come to see the Bible as a relevant part of their lives.
- **LIT** A dynamic new offering from T.J. Burdick and the Dominican Institute, *Lit* is a FREE program for any young person wanting to go deeper in their faith. It tackles the 51 most asked questions by young Catholics and includes videos, situational talking points, Youcat connectivity, and action steps to take participants toward true discipleship.
- **YOUCAT** is short for Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church, which was distributed in multiple languages on World Youth Day 2011 in Madrid, Spain. The English-language edition is available from Ignatius Press. Developed with the help of young Catholics and written for high-school age people and young adults, YOUCAT is an accessible, contemporary expression of the Catholic Faith. The appealing graphic format includes Questions-and-Answers, highly-readable commentary, summary definitions of key terms, Bible citations and inspiring and thought-provoking quotes from Saints and others in the margins. What's more, YOUCAT is keyed to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, so people can go deeper. It explains:
  - What Catholics believe and why (doctrine)
  - How Catholics celebrate the mysteries of the faith (sacraments)
  - How Catholics are to live (moral life)
  - How they should pray (prayer and spirituality)

The questions are direct and honest, even at times tough; the answers straightforward, relevant, and compelling. YOUCAT will likely become the "go-to" place for young people to learn the truth about the Catholic faith.

## **OTHER COMPONENTS OF THIS CLASS:**

- **FIRST YEAR CONFIRMATION RETREAT (NOV. 18, 2017)** Every year we have a retreat for our first and second year confirmation students. This year's first year retreat will take place at St. Ann's Parish Center from 8:30am to 5:30am (mass from 4:30am to 5:30am: parents are invited to attend the mass).
- **ATTENDANCE AT MASS:** Anyone preparing for confirmation should be attending mass every weekend. This is the most basic obligation of being a Catholic and must be observed.
- **VOLUNTEER HOURS:** Each first year confirmation student will be required to complete no less than 10 hours of volunteer service. A necessary aspect of service hours is that you are not paid anything for them. They should also in some way be related to one of the 7 corporeal works of mercy. Which are the following:
  - To feed the hungry.
  - To give water to the thirsty.
  - To clothe the naked.
  - To shelter the homeless.
  - To visit the sick.
  - To visit the imprisoned, or ransom the captive.
  - To bury the dead.

Please use the Volunteer Hours Form on the St. Ann Website to record your hours of service. Service hours forms are due by the end of March.