

*St. Leo's Confirmation preparation
for the graduation class of 2022 – Preparing For A Commitment to Christ*

By participating in the preparation program for the sacrament of Confirmation at St. Leo's church, you can expect the following from your parish:

- *A welcoming and inviting atmosphere* within the Parish, at our Sunday liturgies, and at our Confirmation prep. sessions.
- *Respect and understanding* to our candidates, wherever they may be in their faith journey.
- *Education and Faith Experiences* of the Catholic faith for our Candidates and for our parish community to promote the faith journey of our Confirmation candidates.
- *Prayer* for our candidates by forming "prayer partners" and including prayers for candidates in the 'prayers of the faithful' at Sunday liturgy. Continued prayers by the St. Leo's staff and adult Confirmation leaders.
- *Witness to Candidates and Faith Experiences* by: serving God and others through an obvious lived faith; visitation to 'Confirmation prep. gatherings' by witnesses of the Catholic faith; inviting candidates to participate with members of the community in ministry; inviting candidates to witness to younger members of parish community.
- *Support* for candidates and the Confirmation program; spiritually, emotionally and financially. Support for candidates and the newly Confirmed so they feel a part of the parish community. Help in seeking sponsors and mentors that will walk with the candidate during the process of Confirmation preparation and after Confirmation. Encouragement in continued participation in our parish, community and in the faith journey of the newly Confirmed.

As the director of youth and young adult ministries at St. Leo's Church, I pledge to do everything in my power to insure the expectations of the Confirmation program, as listed above, are upheld to the best of my ability.

Rita M. Hemmer

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As a Confirmation candidate, in order that I may grow personally and spiritually during Confirmation preparation, expectations for me are as follows:

- **Age** – Be at least a junior in high school for the 2019-2020 school year
- **Attendance** - Attendance of Confirmation prep. sessions and the retreat is necessary for the understanding and preparation of this sacrament. Absence only for emergencies or sickness. Please make your faith journey a priority and ask others to support that journey by supporting your attendance. (Inform your employer and extra-curricular sponsors of your schedule to get off of work and activities....plan ahead!)
- ✚ If you are not able to attend a preparation session because of an emergency or sickness, you are responsible for contacting Rita and a make-up for each missed session will be conducted, before the next session,.

Many of you have jobs and extra activities; **please use the extra schedules to give to your employers and activity sponsors, so that you can get time off.**

Please plan now for attendance at the Confirmation overnight retreat:
August 7-8

1. **Regular attendance of Mass** – As we explore our faith it is important to experience the “source and summit” of our faith in the Mass. Participation in The Lord’s Supper is pertinent to our spiritual grow, thus participation at Mass should be one of the most important things you do during this Confirmation prep.
2. **Laity service** – In order to “be church” and not only “go to church,” There should be commitment to **at least one laity service**; such as being a greeter, a lector, music ministry, catechist aid, helping out at parish events, office help, outdoor clean-up, child care, Vacation Bible School, Make a Difference Camp mentor, attending parish committee and board meetings, among many other opportunities.
3. **Retreat by a Catholic organizer** OR **three service retreats**: choose option 1 or option 2
As part of our commitment to this important step in our faith journey, we use our God-given gifts for the good of all people. We are called by Christ to serve others. We receive gifts that we can and should use for the betterment of the community. As we prepare to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation, we:

Choose to participate in either option 1 or option 2 below:

Option #1 - Retreat

Attend a G.I. Diocesan retreat – such as Higher Ground, Teens Encounter Christ, Steubenville, or YNIA (or another approved option)

or

option #2 - Three service projects

Participate in a service project in Fall 2020, Spring 2021 and Summer 2021

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As a candidate for Confirmation and parents, we understand that expectations of the Confirmation preparation program are to help each candidate grow in faith. We pledge we will strive to meet these expectations.

Candidate's signature _____

Parent's signature _____

Date _____