

SAINT JULIA PARISH
WESTON AND LINCOLN

**CONFIRMATION
GUIDELINES FOR CONFIRMATION
PREPARATION**



2009 – 2010

CONFIRMATION GROUNDS US MORE DEEPLY IN OUR DIVINE ADOPTION, UNITES US MORE FIRMLY TO CHRIST, STRENGTHENS THE GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT GIVEN TO US AT BAPTISM, PERFECTS OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CHURCH, AND GRANTS THE SPECIAL STRENGTH OF THE HOLY SPIRIT FOR SPREADING AND DEFENDING THE FAITH BY WORD AND ACTION AS TRUE WITNESSES OF CHRIST.

GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

WISDOM UNDERSTANDING COUNSEL

FORTITUDE KNOWLEDGE PIETY

AWE IN THE LORD'S PRESENCE

WHAT SHOULD I KNOW ABOUT THE CONFIRMATION PROGRAM?

- ☞ THIS IS A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM OF LEARNING, PRAYING, REFLECTING AND SERVING.
- ☞ MOST LEARNING TIME -- CLASSES, MINI-COURSES, SINGLE SESSIONS, AND SPEAKERS -- TAKES PLACE ON SUNDAY EVENINGS FROM 6:00 PM TO 7:15 PM.
- ☞ ADDITIONAL EVENTS, ACTIVITIES AND TRIPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT OTHER DAYS AND TIMES AS NOTED IN THIS BROCHURE OR AS ANNOUNCED.
- ☞ THE PROGRAM IS DESIGNED TO TAKE TWO YEARS TO COMPLETE. HOWEVER, YOU MAY CHOOSE TO DO THIS PROGRAM OVER MORE THAN TWO YEARS. YOU MAY BEGIN IN 9TH GRADE OR LATER; YOU MAY BE CONFIRMED IN 11TH OR 12TH GRADE OR LATER.
- ☞ THE PROGRAM IS COMPRISED OF MINI-COURSES, SINGLE-SESSION CLASSES AND EVENTS, A REQUIRED RETREAT, SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES, FIELD TRIPS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE PARISH AND THE WIDER CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY.
- ☞ THIS PROGRAM OFFERS YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO MAKE CHOICES FROM THE POSSIBILITIES WE PROVIDE AND TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR YOUR INDIVIDUAL PATH TO DISCIPLESHIP.
- ☞ CONFIRMATION IS CELEBRATED YEARLY AT ST. JULIA PARISH IN THE FALL.

WHAT I AM REQUIRED TO DO IN THIS CONFIRMATION PROGRAM:

EXPLANATION OF UNITS

- ☞ EACH OFFERING ON OUR CALENDAR IS ASSIGNED A UNIT VALUE.
- ☞ UNIT VALUES ARE INDICATED IN () AFTER THE DESCRIPTION OF EACH OFFERING.
- ☞ STUDENTS MUST COMPLETE 45 UNITS BEFORE RECEIVING CONFIRMATION.
- ☞ STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THEIR SECOND YEAR AT A CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL MUST ATTEND THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT, THE FINAL PREPARATION SESSION IN THE FALL, THE FOUR SINGLE SESSIONS REQUIRED FOR ALL, AND FIVE

ADDITIONAL UNITS. FIRST-YEAR CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO PARTICIPATE.

☞ YOU ARE ENCOURAGED TO CHOOSE FROM MANY DIFFERENT CATEGORIES OF PREPARATORY EXPERIENCES.

☞ YOU ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY AND ALL OPPORTUNITIES BEYOND THE MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS. EVERY OFFERING HAS POTENTIAL VALUE FOR YOUR PERSONAL GROWTH IN DISCIPLESHIP.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS

WITHIN THE BROAD ARRAY OF CHOICES, THESE COMPONENTS ARE REQUIRED:

☞ WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE.

☞ A SIGN OF COMMITMENT, MADE AT THE 5:00 PM MASS ON SUNDAY,

JANUARY 10, FOLLOWED BY THE SESSION ON COMMITMENT TO DISCIPLESHIP.

☞ ST. JULIA PARISH OVERNIGHT RETREAT- JANUARY 23-24, 2010, THIS YEAR.

RETREAT IS FOR SECOND YEAR OR CONCLUDING STUDENTS.

☞ 4 ALL-STUDENT SESSIONS EACH YEAR. THIS YEAR'S SESSIONS ARE:

OCTOBER 18; DECEMBER 6; JANUARY 10; FEBRUARY 28: 6:00 TO 7:15 PM.

☞ 3 FINAL PREPARATION SESSIONS

THREE SUNDAYS IN THE FALL OF 2010 FROM 6:00 TO 7:15 PM

☞ CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL AND DINNER.

THURSDAY BEFORE CONFIRMATION FROM 6:30 TO 8:30 PM

WHAT DOES THE CALENDAR FOR THE YEAR LOOK LIKE?

PLEASE SEE THE CALENDAR INSERT AND POST IT IN A PROMINENT PLACE.

WHAT MINI-COURSES WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR?

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 25; NOVEMBER 1, 8, 15 6:00-7:15 PM

☞ **WHY SHOULD YOU GO TO MASS?** FR. EVANS/SEMINARIAN FALLON (4)

WEEKLY MASS CAN BE AN EXPERIENCE TO ENJOY. EXPLORE THE BEAUTY, THEOLOGY AND RELEVANCE OF THE MASS FOR YOUR LIFE.

☞ **WHAT DO YOU BELIEVE?** ARTHUR KLUGE (4)

DISCOVER WHAT WE, AS CATHOLICS, REALLY BELIEVE, ALL SUMMED UP IN ONE SIMPLE "CREED."

☞ **ARE YOU A FRIEND OF JESUS CHRIST?** FR. JOSEPH HENNESSEY (4)

LEARN ABOUT YOUR IDENTITY AS A MEMBER OF THE CATHOLIC CHRISTIAN CHURCH. WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BELONG TO THIS EXTENDED FAMILY, THIS COMMUNITY? ARE YOU READY TO BE A DISCIPLE OF JESUS?

☞ **DO YOU HAVE A CONSCIENCE?** MARY GILBERTO (4)

LEARN ABOUT MORAL DECISION MAKING AND HOW YOUR MORAL CONSCIENCE IS FORMED EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT.

SUNDAYS, OCTOBER 25 AND NOVEMBER 1

6:00 – 7:15 PM

REPEATED ON SUNDAYS, NOVEMBER 8 AND NOVEMBER 15

6:00 – 7:15 PM

☞ **WHAT STORY IS LUKE TELLING US?**- CAROL RITTER (2)

IN THIS INTRODUCTION TO THE GOSPEL OF LUKE, HEAR STORIES ABOUT A MAN WITH TWO SONS, AN ARGUMENT OVER DINNER, AND THE OTHER LESSONS YOU WILL HEAR AT MASS THIS LITURGICAL YEAR.

SUNDAYS, MARCH 7, 14, 21, 28 6:00-7:15 PM

☞ **WHAT MAKES CATHOLICISM SO SPECIAL?**- SEMINARIAN FALLON (4)

LEARN WHY OUR SEVEN SACRAMENTS SUPPORT, SANCTIFY AND FEED US FROM BIRTH TO DEATH AND ALL THROUGHOUT OUR LIVES.

☞ **DO YOU HAVE A CONSCIENCE?** MARY GILBERTO (4)

LEARN ABOUT MORAL DECISION MAKING AND HOW YOUR MORAL CONSCIENCE IS FORMED EVEN WHEN YOU'RE NOT AWARE OF IT.

☞ **IS THERE A THEOLOGY OF THE BODY?** MRS. MAHONEY/FR. HENNESSEY (4)

EXPLORE POPULAR ATTITUDES AND UNDERSTANDINGS OF THE BODY, GENDER AND SEXUALITY, AND LEARN HOW THE CATHOLIC FAITH COMMUNITY RESPONDS.

(MATERIALS WILL BE SENT HOME TO PARENTS AHEAD OF THE COURSE.)

☞ **CAN I BECOME A “BLESSED” ONE? SEMINARIAN FISHBACK (4)**

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT IS JUST AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IN THE TIME OF JESUS. WHAT IS THE MESSAGE OF THE BEATITUDES AND WHAT DOES THAT MESSAGE MEAN FOR ME?

SUNDAYS, MARCH 7 AND 14 6:00 – 7:15 PM

REPEATED ON SUNDAYS, MARCH 21 AND 28 6:00 – 7:15

PM

☞ **WHAT GOOD NEWS IS THE HOLY SPIRIT REPORTING?- CAROL RITTER (2)**

LEARN ABOUT SPIRIT, HEALING AND MISSIONARY ADVENTURES AS LUKE DESCRIBES THE LIFE AND WORK OF THE EARLY CHURCH IN THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES.

***PLEASE NOTE: YOU WILL BE GIVEN CREDIT ONLY FOR THOSE MINI-COURSE SESSIONS YOU ATTEND. IF YOU ATTEND ALL SESSIONS OF A 4 UNIT MINI-COURSE, YOU WILL RECEIVE A BONUS CREDIT.*

THREE SUNDAYS, FALL, 2010 6:00 – 7:15 PM

☞ **FINAL PREPARATION WORKSHOP: NAME, SPONSOR, PETITION (3)**

LEARN ABOUT PATRON SAINTS AND CHOOSE YOUR SAINT’S NAME; LEARN ABOUT ROLE-MODELS AND CHOOSE A SPONSOR; WRITE YOUR CANDIDATE PETITION TO FR. EVANS. IN ADDITION, STUDENTS WILL CHOOSE MINISTRIES TO PERFORM AT THE CONFIRMATION MASS. **AS SOON AS WE HAVE THE 2010 CONFIRMATION DATE WE WILL GIVE YOU THE THREE DATES FOR THESE SESSIONS. IT IS REQUIRED FOR ALL STUDENTS WHO EXPECT TO BE CONFIRMED IN 2010 AND BECAUSE OF TIME CONSTRAINTS THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UPS.**

WHAT SINGLE SESSIONS WILL BE OFFERED THIS YEAR?

SUNDAYS, 6:00 PM - 7:15 PM

☞ **OCT. 18 LIFEBOAT: WHO WOULD YOU THROW OVER-BOARD? (1)**

FACILITATOR MARY JO KRIZ WILL KICK-OFF OUR YEAR BY THROWING YOU INTO A GAME OF JUDGEMENT. WHAT VALUES WILL YOU USE TO DETERMINE WHO WILL BE THROWN OVER-BOARD? **MANDATORY SINGLE SESSION FOR ALL.**

☞ **NOV. 8 CAN YOU SAVE A LITTLE BIT OF THE WORLD? (1)**

NURSE PRACTITIONER JESSICA CAPIZZI WILL SHARE HER EXPERIENCES IN HAITI GIVING MEDICAL SERVICES TO AN ORPHANAGE AND IN INDIA WORKING IN A MOTHER-CHILD CLINIC. WHERE WILL YOU SEE THE FACE OF CHRIST?

☞ **DEC. 6 CAN YOU WALK THE LABYRINTH? (1)**

MEMBERS OF THE LABYRINTH SOCIETY WILL TEACH US THE ANCIENT ART OF MEDITATION USING A REAL LABYRINTH. LEARN WHY THIS SPIRITUAL JOURNEY IS NOTHING LIKE A MAZE. **MANDATORY SINGLE SESSION FOR ALL.**

☞ **DEC. 13 MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE: PHILADELPHIA (3)**

THIS UNSETTLING MOVIE STARRING DENZEL WASHINGTON AND TOM HANKS WILL ASK YOU TO CONFRONT THE SOCIAL JUSTICE ISSUES OF DISCRIMINATION AND TOLERANCE. WHAT SHOULD BE OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSE?

NOTE: MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN FROM 3:00 TO 5:00. MASS AT 5:00. CLASS AND DISCUSSION OF THE MOVIE, WITH PIZZA, FROM 6:00 TO 7:15 PM.

☞ **JAN. 10 ARE YOU READY TO BECOME A DISCIPLE OF JESUS? (1)**

THIS SESSION ON JESUS’ CALL TO DISCIPLESHIP WILL EXPAND ON THE COMMITMENT CEREMONY WHICH TAKES PLACE THIS DAY AT THE 5:00 MASS.

MANDATORY SINGLE SESSION FOR ALL.

☞ **JAN. 24 MOVIE WITH A MESSAGE: SNOW FALLING ON CEDARS (3)**

SET IN THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST THIS ETHAN HAWKE FILM USES THE BACKDROP OF THE JAPANESE INTERNMENT DURING WORLD WAR II TO EXPLORE ISSUES OF IDENTITY AND STEREOTYPING. CAN THE BEATITUDES INFORM OUR RESPONSE?

NOTE: MOVIE WILL BE SHOWN FROM 3:00 TO 5:00 PM. MASS AT 5:00. CLASS AND DISCUSSION OF THE MOVIE, WITH PIZZA, FROM 6:00 TO 7:15 PM.

☞ **JAN. 24 SPECIAL PROGRAM BY SEMINARIAN FISHBACK (1)**
SEMINARIAN FISHBACK FROM BLESSED JOHN XXIII SEMINARY WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM BASED ON HIS OWN INTEREST AND STUDY. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU AHEAD OF TIME.

☞ **JAN. 31 BRISTOL LODGE: SERVING THOSE IN NEED. (3)**
JOIN YOUR FRIENDS TO HELP OTHERS AT BRISTOL LODGE IN WALTHAM. STUDENTS WILL GO TO BRISTOL LODGE TO COOK AND SERVE SUNDAY DINNER FOR THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED OF FOOD AND SHELTER. APPROXIMATE TIMES ARE 3:00 TO 6:30 PM.

☞ **JAN. 31 SPECIAL PROGRAM BY SEMINARIAN FALLON (1)**
SEMINARIAN FALLON FROM BLESSED JOHN XXIII SEMINARY WILL PRESENT A PROGRAM BASED ON HIS OWN INTEREST AND STUDY. TITLE AND DESCRIPTION WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU AHEAD OF TIME.

☞ **FEB. 28 ARE YOU A BELIEVER? (1)**
CAN YOU BE A CATHOLIC AND STILL BE YOURSELF? CHAT WITH FR. EVANS ABOUT BELIEVING IN CHRIST AND BRINGING YOUR CATHOLIC FAITH TO YOUR WORLD OF SCHOOL, SPORTS, ACTIVITIES AND FRIENDS. "YOU CAN DO IT, WE CAN HELP."
MANDATORY SINGLE SESSION FOR ALL.

OTHER DAYS AND TIMES

☞ **JASON EVERT: ROMANCE WITHOUT REGRET (2) SUNDAY, DECEMBER 6**
3:45 TO 5:15 PM AT CORPUS CHRISTI-ST. BERNARD PARISH IN NEWTON.
SEE AND HEAR, IN PERSON, DYNAMIC SPEAKER AND CREATOR OF THEOLOGY OF THE BODY FOR TEENS.

☞ **GENERATIONS OF FAITH (2) (MUST STAY THE ENTIRE SESSION FOR CREDIT.)**
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 22 12:15 TO 2:45 PM OR 6:00 TO 8:30 PM
THEME: WHAT MAKES US CATHOLIC
SUNDAY, APRIL 11 12:15 TO 2:45 PM OR 6:00 TO 8:30 PM
THEME: HOLLYWOOD VS. FAITH WITH ACTOR FRANK RUNYEON

☞ **SEAN FORREST : SPIRIT MINI-RETREAT (3)**
MARCH 28: ST. BRIGID, LEXINGTON – 1:00 TO 5:00 PM
PARTICIPATE IN THIS LIVELY MINI-RETREAT WITH NATIONALLY KNOWN YOUTH SPEAKER SEAN FORREST. THIS DYNAMIC EXPERIENCE WILL INCLUDE GAMES, STORIES, MUSIC AND A CANDLELIGHT PRAYER SERVICE TO EXPLORE THE MOVEMENT OF THE HOLY SPIRIT IN OUR LIVES.

WHAT OTHER ACTIVITIES CAN I CHOOSE?

☞ **SAINT ANDREW DINNER (3) – CHOOSE ONE.**
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8, 5:30 TO 8:00 PM AT CENTRAL CATHOLIC HS, LAWRENCE
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 27, 5:30 TO 8:00 PM AT ST. SEBASTIAN HS, NEEDHAM
TUESDAY, APRIL 13, 5:30 TO 8:00 PM AT ST. JOHN'S SEMINARY, BRIGHTON OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG MEN TO HAVE DINNER WITH CARDINAL SEAN O'MALLEY. FR. EVANS OR FR. HENNESSEY WILL ACCOMPANY THE GROUP.

☞ **SISTERHOOD DINNER (3)– TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10 5:30 TO 8:00 PM**
OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUNG WOMEN TO CHAT WITH PROFESSIONAL WOMEN WHO WORK IN A CAREER WHILE LIVING A COMMITTED LIFE IN A RELIGIOUS COMMUNITY. DINNER WILL BE HELD AT ST. JULIA PARISH CENTER.

☞ **BOSTON TOUR- SATURDAY, APRIL 10, DAY-TIME FIELD TRIP (5)**
EXPLORE CATHOLIC HISTORIC SITES THROUGHOUT BOSTON. 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM

☞ **BOSTON COLLEGE LABYRINTH AND MASS – SUNDAY, APRIL 25 (3)**
HAVING LEARNED ABOUT THE LABYRINTH IN DECEMBER, WALK A MEMORIAL LABYRINTH AT BOSTON COLLEGE, MEET WITH A CAMPUS MINISTER, AND ATTEND A COLLEGE MASS AT ST. IGNATIUS CHURCH, CHESTNUT HILL. 3:00 TO 6:30.

☞ **YOUTH GROUP- 5:00 MASS, FOOD AND YOUTH ACTIVITIES (1 FOR EACH)**
YOUTH GROUP MEETS ON SUNDAYS FROM 6:00 - 7:15 PM ON: OCT. 4, NOV. 15, DEC. 13, JAN. 10, FEB. 14, MARCH 14, MAY 2, JUNE 13
PLAN TO ATTEND AT LEAST 5 OF THE 9 OF THE SESSIONS.

WHAT ABOUT WORSHIP AND PRAYER?

❖ **CONFIRMATION RETREAT- JANUARY 23 AND 24, 2010 (8)**

THE CONFIRMATION RETREAT IS A CENTRAL FEATURE IN THE SPIRITUAL PREPARATION FOR CONFIRMATION. STUDENTS WHO PLAN TO BE CONFIRMED IN THE FALL OF 2010 MUST ATTEND THE OVERNIGHT CONFIRMATION RETREAT. THIS RETREAT IS HELD AT OAKHURST RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER IN WHITINSVILLE, MASSACHUSETTS ON SATURDAY AND SUNDAY, JANUARY 23 AND 24, 2010. STUDENTS WILL BE BUSED TO AND FROM ST. JULIA PARISH CENTER AND MUST ATTEND THE ENTIRE TIME.

THE RETREAT IS A UNIQUE EXPERIENCE OF PRAYER, REFLECTION, COMMUNITY, SACRAMENTS, GAMES, ACTIVITIES, PERSONAL GROWTH AND FUN. IT IS PARTICULARLY FOCUSED ON CONFIRMATION. ADULT PARISHIONERS WHO ARE EXPERIENCED IN RUNNING THIS RETREAT ARE THE LEADERS AND CHAPERONES. FR. EVANS, FR. HENNESSEY, ANNE MARIE MAHONEY AND JEAN PELLETIER PARTICIPATE AS WELL.

IF YOU KNOW THAT YOU CANNOT ATTEND ST. JULIA'S RETREAT, PLEASE LET US KNOW ASAP SO THAT WE CAN FIND A COMPARABLE RETREAT FOR YOU.

❖ **WEEKLY MASS ATTENDANCE IS A REQUIREMENT.** THE 5:00 PM SUNDAY MASS PRECEDES OUR USUAL CLASS TIME AND WOULD BE A GOOD CHOICE FOR YOU.

❖ **PERSONAL PRAYER SHOULD BE A PART OF EACH CANDIDATE'S DAILY LIFE.**

❖ **ST. JULIA YOUTH PRAYER LIST – PRAYING FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS.**

THE PRAYER LIST IS A LIST-SERVE DESIGNED TO CONNECT OUR CONFIRMATION STUDENTS TO EACH OTHER IN PRAYER. HOW? STUDENTS WHO WISH TO PARTICIPATE WILL BE ASSIGNED ONE PRAYER DAY OF THE MONTH. AT THE END OF THE MONTH OUR MAJOR-DOMO WILL SEND AN E-MAIL REQUEST FOR INTENTIONS FOR THE COMING MONTH. YOU MAY E-MAIL HER REQUESTING PRAYERS FOR ILL RELATIVES; FAMILY MEMBERS FACING DIFFICULT TIMES; OR YOUR OWN NEEDS, CONCERNS AND JOYS. YOU DO NOT HAVE TO GIVE YOUR NAME. THE LIST OF PRAYER REQUESTS WILL BE SENT OUT TO ALL ON THE FIRST DAY OF EACH MONTH. YOUR COMMITMENT IS TO PRAY FOR THOSE INTENTIONS ON YOUR ASSIGNED DAY. WE ALL HAVE STRESSES AND WORRIES AS WELL AS JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS. GIVE THOSE ALL UP TO GOD AND REACH OUT TO YOUR FRIENDS AT ST. JULIA'S TO HELP YOU PRAY FOR THOSE INTENTIONS.

CAN I DO SOME SERVICE?

* **PANCAKE BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM (2)**

ASSIST YOUTH MINISTRY IN THEIR ANNUAL FUND-RAISER BY SERVING AND CLEANING UP FOR PARISH BREAKFAST.

* **EPOCH NURSING HOME VISIT AND REFLECTION WITH CAROL RITTER (2)**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11; FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27; MONDAY, DECEMBER 28;
MONDAY, JANUARY 18; MONDAY, FEBRUARY 15; MONDAY, MARCH 22.

MEET MRS. RITTER AT 8:00 AM FOR INSIGHT INTO NURSING HOME MINISTRY. VISIT RESIDENTS OF EPOCH NURSING HOME WITH HER, REFLECT ON THE EXPERIENCE AND RETURN BY 11:00 AM. STUDENTS MAY ACCOMPANY MRS. RITTER ONCE OR AS MANY TIMES AS THEY WISH.

* **THANKSGIVING BASKETS- NOVEMBER 22, 7:00 – 8:00 PM (1)**

ASSIST YOUTH MINISTRY FILL BASKETS WITH FOOD FOR NEEDY FAMILIES DURING GENERATIONS OF FAITH BREAK-OUT SESSION.

* **EASTER BASKETS- FRIDAY, APRIL 2, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM (1)**

HELP YOUTH MINISTRY FILL BASKETS WITH EASTER GOODIES FOR NEEDY FAMILIES.

* **GENERATIONS OF FAITH ASSISTANT (2)**

NOVEMBER 22 AND APRIL 11 12:15-2:45 PM AND/OR 6:00-8:30 PM

STUDENTS WILL HELP THE STAFF SET UP, SERVE THE MEAL, CLEAN UP AND WORK WITH YOUNG CHILDREN THROUGHOUT THE EVENT. 2 UNITS FOR EACH SESSION.

* **GRADE 2 WORKSHOP ASSISTANT (2)**

SATURDAY, JANUARY 9, 1:00 TO 3:00 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 13, 11:00 TO 2:30 PM

SATURDAY, MARCH 27, 11:00 TO 2:30 PM

STUDENTS WILL ASSIST THE STAFF WITH MATERIALS, SNACKS AND LITTLE CHILDREN.

* **REBUILDING BOSTON TOGETHER- SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION, TBA (5)**

THIS ALL DAY PROJECT TAKES PLACE ON A SATURDAY IN APRIL AND IS SUPERVISED BY ADULT MEMBERS OF THE PARISH SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMISSION.

* **BRISTOL LODGE-PREPARING AND SERVING A MEAL. (3)**

STUDENTS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP PARISHIONER JACKIE ATHAS IN HER MINISTRY TO BRISTOL LODGE. CONTACT CATHY CAPIZZI FOR DAYS AND TIMES.

Who is Available to Help Me?

ALL MEMBERS OF THE PARISH STAFF ARE ALWAYS AVAILABLE TO ASSIST YOU IN YOUR FAITH JOURNEY. FR. EVANS AND FR. HENNESSEY ARE WILLING TO MEET WITH YOU ANYTIME. MRS. MAHONEY AND MRS. CAPIZZI WILL ASSIST YOU WITH YOUR SELECTIONS AND UNITS. JEAN PELLETIER AND THE YOUTH MINISTRY COMMISSION ARE READY TO INVOLVE YOU IN THE SUPPORT SYSTEM OF THE YOUTH GROUP. PLEASE APPROACH ANY ONE OF US IF YOU NEED ASSISTANCE.

How do I sign up?

OUR COMMUNICATION WITH YOU WILL BE BY E-MAIL. STUDENT AND PARENT E-MAIL ADDRESSES WILL BE COLLECTED AT THE FIRST CLASS ON OCTOBER 18.

PLEASE STUDY THIS BROCHURE AND FORM A PLAN FOR YOURSELF FOR THIS YEAR BY IDENTIFYING THE COURSES AND ACTIVITIES YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURSUE. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL BEFORE EACH EVENT ASKING YOU TO COMMIT TO THAT EVENT. PLEASE RESPOND AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AS RESERVATIONS, THE SIZE OF ROOMS, THE NUMBER OF BOOKS, AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS DEPEND ON YOUR TIMELY RESPONSE. YOU WILL RECEIVE AN E-MAIL REMINDER SEVERAL DAYS BEFORE THE CLASS OR EVENT.

☞ **VERY IMPORTANT NOTE:** PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THIS IS A FLEXIBLE PROGRAM, DESIGNED TO MAKE YOUR PARTICIPATION IN THE CONFIRMATION PREPARATION PROGRAM EASIER. WITH THAT FLEXIBILITY, HOWEVER, COMES A REQUIREMENT FOR RESPONSIBILITY ON YOUR PART. PLEASE BE CONSIDERATE OF OUR STAFF AND THE MANY WONDERFUL SPEAKERS AND EVENTS WE HAVE PLANNED BY RESPONDING TO OUR E-MAILS CONSISTENTLY AND PROMPTLY.

Will there be more offerings later in the year?

LATER IN THE YEAR, THERE WILL BE ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE. THEY MAY INCLUDE A SUMMER ARCHDIOCESAN LEADERSHIP TRAINING PROGRAM OR A TEENAGE GROUP OF THE "ARISE: TOGETHER IN CHRIST" SCRIPTURE PROGRAM. NEW OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE E-MAILED TO YOU AND ANNOUNCED AT OUR ONGOING SESSIONS.

Is God Calling You to Discipleship?

"O LORD, YOU HAVE SEARCHED ME
AND KNOWN ME.
YOU SEARCH OUT MY PATH
AND ARE ACQUAINTED WITH ALL MY WAYS."

PSALM 139: 1, 3

"YOU ARE THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD. A CITY BUILT ON A HILL-TOP CANNOT BE HIDDEN. NO ONE LIGHTS A LAMP TO PUT IT UNDER A BARREL; THEY PUT IT ON THE LAMP-STAND WHERE IT SHINES FOR EVERYONE IN THE HOUSE. IN THE SAME WAY YOUR LIGHT MUST SHINE IN THE SIGHT OF ALL, SO THAT SEEING YOUR GOOD WORKS, THEY MAY GIVE THE PRAISE TO YOUR FATHER IN HEAVEN."

MATTHEW 5:14-16

"TO STAY IN THE WORLD WITH GOD MEANS SIMPLY TO LIVE IN THE ROUGH AND TUMBLE OF THE WORLD AND AT THE SAME TIME REMAIN IN THE BODY OF CHRIST, THE VISIBLE CHURCH, TO TAKE PART IN ITS WORSHIP AND TO LIVE THE LIFE OF DISCIPLESHIP."
DIETRICH BONHOEFFER, THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP

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