



**SMV PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM  
GUIDELINES AND EXPECTATIONS**

A LIFE LONG COMMITMENT AND REPRIORTIZATION TO  
DO THE WILL OF GOD AND  
CONTINUE TO BUILD HIS CHURCH.

# Program designed for intense junior year in high school

- Junior year is the best year to prepare for Confirmation because it fortifies you for the intensity one faces in life, school, sports...
- Online studies to assist you in prioritizing your time to your personal schedule
- Group studies to form community and discipleship to support each other
- Decrease from weekly sessions to monthly sessions
- Retreat in late February 23& 24

# ALL Confirmation Program expectations are important...

- This is your “yes” to committing and reprioritizing your life for God and His will.
  - Commitment and reprioritization affirms what you are saying “yes” to.
  - It is an ongoing process that grows stronger with the gifts of the Holy Spirit.
  - The struggle to make the commitment is part of the process God utilizes to draw you close to Him
  - Discernment(asking the Holy Spirit to guide you in your decision) is necessary to overcome the struggle

# What are the program expectations?

- Teens are expected to participate in
  - Prayer, Mass, Sacraments, Service, Retreat
  - Learning to discern before making decisions
  - Parent & Teen Meeting
  - Online Confirmation Study & assignment
  - Study Groups October through December
  - Sessions January through March
  - Meetings with Sponsor
  - Writing papers, handing in forms, letter to the Bishop,
  - Confirmation rehearsal

# Commitment & Reprioritization

- Reprioritize current commitments to fulfill the expectations of the Confirmation Program
  - Father Peter is willing to talk with teachers, coaches, leaders who penalize you for missing a scheduled event
  - Missing any Confirmation program commitments due to sports or extra curricular activities is not an acceptable excuse
  - Illness, unforeseen family event(funeral) is excused
  - More than one absence requires a teen to delay reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation