

# Confirmation Expectations for YEAR 2 - S.E.A.S. Families

## STUDENT REQUIREMENTS:

**Students:** Sacramental preparation for Confirmation is a time for you to grow in knowledge of your faith, grow closer to God in prayer, and become more aware of the needs of your community through service. This 2 year journey is the time to ask your questions and share doubts or confusion you might have so that we, your Core Team, your teachers, your clergy, and your parents can help you to know and understand your faith better. The BEST way to accomplish this is by being open and willing throughout this journey. **You have to look at Confirmation Preparation NOT as something, “I HAVE to do 😞”, BUT as something, “I WANT to do 😊”!** Everything in Confirmation Preparation has a purpose – to help you understand your faith better and help you grow closer to God!

### **Attend designated EDGE Nights (Middle School Youth Group) throughout the year**

EDGE is our comprehensive youth program for students in middle school (Grades 7-8). EDGE Nights will help you to develop stronger relationships with your peers and Faith Family at GSCC. You will receive a copy of the EDGE Calendar for 2018-2019 with a description of the EDGE Nights. Students, you will be required to sign up and attend a minimum of 5 EDGE Nights this year (space is limited for some of the EDGE Nights, so sign up early and once an EDGE Night is filled, you will have to select another EDGE Night).

### **Complete a Saint Icon Project**

S.E.A.S. students will be expected to complete a graded Saint Icon Project *through school* as assigned by Mrs. McAvoy-Jensen. Once the students have completed the project with Mrs. McAvoy-Jensen, she will notify us in the R.E. Office that this requirement of the Confirmation Preparation Program has been satisfied and these will be used as part of the environment for the Confirmation Masses in the spring.

### **Community Service Hours**

S.E.A.S. students will be expected to satisfy the **S.E.A.S** requirement for Community Service. Satisfaction of the school's requirement will automatically satisfy the requirement for the GSCC Confirmation Preparation Program. Mrs. McAvoy-Jensen will send us confirmation that the Community Service requirement has been satisfied.

### **Attend the Candidate/Sponsor Retreat WITH your Sponsor**

All Year 2 Confirmation Candidates **MUST NOW HAVE** their Sponsor selected and a completed Sponsor Form on file with the Religious Education Office as of the start of the Year 2 catechetical year.

- Please notify your Sponsor that the **Candidate/Sponsor Retreat** will be **on Friday, September 28**, from **6:00 – 9:00 PM** at GSCC in the Fr. Philip Wells Parish Hall.
- Also, your Sponsor will need to attend the **Confirmation Mass Rehearsal & Confirmation Mass** (spring 2019). Those exact dates/times will be announced as soon as we receive the Confirmation Mass date(s) from the Bishop's Office.

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### STUDENT REQUIREMENTS (continued):

#### **Attend an overnight Confirmation Retreat at Mareello Retreat Center in Loomis, CA**

The purpose of a retreat is to disconnect from one's life for a period of time so as to intentionally listen and engage with God. The best retreats are time intensive and require an environment away from our "regular" life and suitable for its purpose. Because of this, our Confirmation retreat will be an overnight retreat held at the Mareello Youth Retreat Center in Loomis, CA. The retreat will be directed by Fr. Sergio, Pastor of the Mareello Youth Retreat Center, the Oblates at Mareello, the Confirmation Coordinators, and members of the Confirmation Core Team. Our retreat weekend this year is **November 10-11, 2018**.

#### **Attend the Diocesan Confirmation Conference, "FIRED UP!"**

FIRED UP! is NOT a retreat and does not replace your Overnight Confirmation Retreat. FIRED UP! is a Diocesan Confirmation Conference organized to help you get "Fired Up" about receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. The purpose of this Diocesan Confirmation Conference is to gather all of those in the diocese who will be receiving Confirmation in that given year and provide you with a day that reminds you that you have been called by your Baptism to live as disciples of Christ, affirm your decision to prepare for the sacrament of Confirmation, empower and strengthen you for this process, and then challenge you to make your Catholic faith come alive in your everyday lives. The day will also serve a function similar to the "Rite of Election" in the RCIA where all the candidates gather with Bishop Soto to commit to a final stage of preparation for Confirmation. We will ALL be attending FIRED UP! tentatively scheduled for **Saturday, February 23, 2019**.

#### **Confirmation Exit Interview**

Exit Interviews for ALL Year 2 Confirmation Candidates will be conducted during the week of **April 28 – May 2, 2019**. These "exit" interviews are our final opportunity to determine if you have a fundamental understanding of our faith and are fully prepared and determined to be ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You will be expected to demonstrate a basic understanding of our traditional Catholic prayers and the catechesis we have covered over the 2 years of Confirmation Preparation. You will also be required to give thoughtful reflection as to where you currently are on your faith journey, where you can continue to grow and deepen your faith after Confirmation, and how you anticipate accomplishing that AFTER Confirmation. A schedule will be sent in early spring via Email with the SignUpGenius link for you to request your Exit Interview appointment.