

# 2016-17 St. Vincent de Paul Parish Confirmation Guidelines

## 9<sup>th</sup> grade

### Attendance:

- **Weekend mass attendance is an requirement for 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation students.** There is a red binder with a sign in sheet located in the sacristy at each site. If you attend mass at a different parish, you need to bring a bulletin from that parish with your name written on the top and put in box at registration table at the next class.
- There are 6 Sunday afternoon classes and 2 Intergenerational Sessions. The first session is a parent student meeting. The Intergenerational Sessions are held the second full week of December and the second full week of March. You will choose one day during that week to attend. The day does not need to be the usual class day. The sessions are held on a Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. Parents and all students in the family are to attend one session.
  - **All students are required to be in all classes including the Intergenerational sessions**

### Community service hours:

- Students are expected to have 5 hours of community service between Oct. and Dec. and again between January and April.
- Students have been given a list of possible agencies to fulfill these hours. Other community service are accepted, call Sr. Joanne for verification of your agency. **Students and Parents are to arrange for this service**
- Students have received a *Service Verification Form* with the first date it will be due on the bottom. The forms will also be available on the parish webpage [www.svdparish.org](http://www.svdparish.org) on the Confirmation page under Faith Formation

### Sponsors:

9<sup>th</sup> grade students are to choose their sponsor this year so they can work with them throughout the next two years

**\*Your chosen sponsor needs to be a confirmed Catholic of good standing in a Catholic parish, that means they attend Mass and are a confirmed Catholic themselves.**

They need to be someone who will help you continue to develop your Catholic faith throughout your life. If not from St. Vincent de Paul they will need a letter from their pastor verifying their eligibility. Sponsors from St. Vincent de Paul will be verified by the rectory office. **The Candidate/Sponsor information forms are to be returned on or before the February 26<sup>th</sup> class.** If a sponsor is unable to attend the sacrament ceremony a parent may stand in as proxy for that sponsor. All other sponsor requirements still apply.

Saint names:

- \*When choosing a saint's name, you need to:
    - research how they lived their life and how you can pattern your life after them.
    - The saint needs to be a verified Catholic saint. There are saint books available at the office or you can go on line to do your research, (catholic.org is a good online source.)
    - discuss your choice with your sponsor
    - You will need to write an essay on the saint and why you have chosen that saint name
- Saint papers will be due on or before the February 26<sup>th</sup> class.**

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