**CONFIRMATION II**

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**IMPORTANT DATES:**

**Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meetings:**

**#1 Parent/Sponsor Meeting: November 18, 2019**

**#2 Parent/Sponsor Meeting: February 24, 2020**

**#3 Parent/Sponnsor Meeting: March 23, 2020**

**All will take place i@ 6 pm at CCE Bldg. Rm 6 & 7**

**Next CCE Class students will meet at church for Ash Wednesday at 7 pm**

**CONFIRMATION RETREAT-day 2**

**Confirmation Retreat: Sat, March 14, 2020, 8:30 am to 6:00 pm, Donation $10.00**

**(registration form is available online)**

**Passion Play Practice:**

* **Wednesday, March 25 Passion play practice during CCE**
* **Wednesday, April 1 Passion play practice during CCE**
* **Monday, April 6 Last Passion play practice at 6:30 pm at the main church**

**(Confirmation I & Confirmtion II classes, \*Costumes will be selected on the day of the play except Jesus, Mary and thieves.**

* **Friday, April 10 Passion Play performance begins at 1:00 pm-3:00 pm at El Centro,**

**\*students should arrive by 12:15 to get costumes and get dressed.**

* **Wednesday, April 15-CCE classes resume**
* **Wednesday, May 13-Last day of CCE-class will meet at the main church for Mass at 7:00 pm to receive end of the year blessing.**

**DATE SACRAMENT WILL BE CELEBRATED:**

**Confirmation: Saturday, May 16, 2020 at 5:30pm Mass.**

**Candidates must arrive by 4:45 pm. Godparents must arrive by 5:00 pm no later.**

***Candidates and Godparent(s) must arrive on time*.**

**(Once parents/Godparents have arrived, you should be preparing yourself for Mass by entering into prayer. You should also be praying for your child/candidate to be open and asking the Holy Spirit to assist your child/candidate to participate fully in the celebration.**

**Once the celebration has been completed and Mass is over, you are invited to go out and celebrate your child’s/ candidates reception of the sacrament of Confirmation for example by: having a special dinner, an icecream Sunday, a cake at home, etc.**

**All Confirmation candidates and Godparents are required to go to confession prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. Confessions are available at St. Francis Xavier on Fridays from 6:30 pm-till no more people are present. Confessions are also available by appointment. Please do not wait till the last minute to set an appointment or to plan where you will go for confession, plan ahead.**

 **In addition, all family members (parents, godparents and siblings are invited to go to the sacrament of reconcilliation (Confession) prior to your child/candidate receiving the sacrament of Confirmation so you all can experience being in communion together and receive the graces the Lord wants to give you as a family)**

**CONFIRMATION PRACTICE FOR RECEPTION OF SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION**

**May 11, 2020 at 6 pm at the Main church, student and Godparents must be present**

**\*Please be punctual.**

**Reminder Items that need to be turned in:**

**Due date : Thursday, April 2, 2020**

* **Copy of child’s baptismal certificate (if your child was baptized at St. Francis Xavier you can call Cristina at the main church office and give her the information she needs to give me a copy of your child’s baptismal certificate.**
* **Child’s registration form –to have sacrament recorded with the parish**

**(available on line)**

* **Child’s godparents verification form (available on line)**
* **Registration form for confirmation Retreat-day 2 (available on line)**

**Requirements for Godparents:**

**Must have all sacraments (Baptism, Reconcilliation, First communion, Confirmation. If married they must be married by the Catholic Church, should be practicing their faith, attend Sunday Mass weekly)**

**Items Needed for Confirmation:**

**DRESS ATTIRE:**

**Girls: white dress (no spaghetti straps or strapless-need to wear jacket to cover up), Holy Spirit pin or something red to symbolize Holy Spirit**

**Boys: black slacks, white button up shirt, red tie, dress shoes**

**Additional Items: A white taper candle and bottle for Holy water (empty or filled)**

**Candidates should bring the white taper candle with them on the last day of CCE, May 13. The students candle will be lit from the Easter Vigil candle after Mass, after they have received their end of the year blessing. This candle is to be used to pray with.**

**Suggested gifts: Bible, rosary, a book/ dvd on the life of a saint**

**Mandatory Prayers that they need to know:**

**Sign of the Cross, Our Father, Hail Mary, Glory Be, Act of Contrition, Ten Commandments, Nicene Creed, How to do an Examination of Conscience (prayer booklet is available online)**

**All forms are available on our website: stfrancisxavierlaferia.org ,**

**Under the tab of Sacraments.**

**Check out our online calendar, it includes our parent meetings, dates sacraments will be celebrated, practices, etc.**