

January 20, 2021

Dear Parents, Grandparents or Sponsors,

Hopefully your Confirmation student is doing well with the History's Golden Thread series and not only learning plenty but also enjoying it as well. This chapter for Confirmation is a little different from the last. Lesson 1 of 4 was designed for parents/grandparents/sponsors to help and guide, but this chapter is designed to be led entirely by you. These are 4 questions that I have found are commonly asked by teens during the Confirmation prep stage, but you don't have to stop there. I am seriously hoping that these 4 questions will open the floodgates to many more questions. Remember that it is okay not to have all the answers, looking up and discovering the answers to questions together are a great way for your child to learn how to discover their faith. And of course, some of the most important conversations are had when we are simply listening to our kids as they explain what they believe. That's when the real questions arise and often we are surprised at the depth of understanding they do have.

Please remember that our next session will be February 21 with the kids showing up at 6:30pm and the parents coming in at 7:30pm for a quick parent meeting and a Commitment Service. The service is a short Liturgy of the Word led by the kids and they will be coming forward individually as a special "prayer" for the Gifts of the Spirit and also as a way to show that they are serious in their commitment to move forward in their education and exploration of their faith.

Parents will be meeting in the church and sitting in the St. Joseph section. If that section fills up socially distanced, please sit in the St. Charles section. We are not sure how much room we will need since this will be in conjunction with SCCS kids, but I would like the kids to be seated together (socially distanced) in the Mother Seton section for this service.

I really recommend that you come to this if you are able. This is a lovely service and will not take much of your time, and I think it makes a large difference with the kids making the connection between everything they are learning and this next step in their faith. Of course, if you're either uncomfortable with coming due to health concerns or are having symptoms of illness, please refrain from coming. However we would like you to at least participate live at 7:30pm if at all possible via LiveStream. The take home materials will be available for download online closer to that day.

God is Good,
Julie Fischbach