



## St. Juan Diego Parish

Archdiocese of Portland in Oregon

### **Confirmation 2009-2010 Program Information:**

#### *Logistics:*

Meets at PCC campus from 11:00 – 12:15 on Sundays.

Dates: Oct 18, Nov 15, Dec 13, Feb 7, March 7, April 11

Confirmation Retreat: Jan 8-10, 2010

Rite of Confirmation: Tuesday, May 4, 2010 7 PM at the Cathedral

#### *Requirements:*

- Baptized Catholic
- **A copy of the Baptism Certificate is required**
- Confirmation candidates must attend at least 5 out of 6 sessions, allowing for sickness and emergencies.
- Letter to be written to Fr. Kerns explaining why they want to be confirmed and what Confirmation means to them.
- Monthly homework, for example the Candidates will interview their sponsors.
- Sponsors cannot be a parent; must be at over 16 and been confirmed; actively practicing our Catholic faith. (Code of Canon Law, #874)
- Attend a Confirmation retreat.
- One Community Service project and be involved in Youth Group

#### *Confirmation Coordinators:*

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#### *Youth Group Coordinators:*

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### **Who can be confirmed?**

Our focus is on high school youth, ninth through twelfth grade. Any member older than that would be confirmed through RCIA. All youth seeking confirmation need to participate in Youth Group and need to be registered members of St. Juan Diego Parish. All candidates will be expected to submit a letter to Fr. Kerns indicating their intention to be confirmed in the Catholic Church and why they want to be confirmed.

### **Retreats**

There also will be a mandatory retreat January 8-10, 2010 facilitated by Fr. Kerns and the Youth Group Leaders. We will be looking for parents to help transport and chaperone so please let us know if you are interested in helping. If for some reason your youth cannot attend this retreat, they will be expected to attend confirmation retreats held by neighboring parishes or the Archdiocese.



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The confirmation curriculum is based on living in the modern world while walking in the footsteps of Jesus Christ. It is a call to choose to live a Christian life as an adult; it is the continuing of a life long journey, not a graduation.

We will combine the curriculum from “Confirmed in a Faithful Community” with community building activities such as monthly service projects, and social events. We will invite guest speakers and our format will be inclusive; encouraging group discussion and problem solving. We will all participate in service projects and if someone cannot attend they will have to do some other community service cleared by the leaders in place of the group project.

*Topics will include:*

- Creed
- Sacraments of Initiation (emphasis on meaning and the rites and symbols of Confirmation)
- The Catholic Church – what does it mean to be church?
- Morality
- Fruits and Gifts of the Spirit