

Announcements for Parents and Sponsors

February, 2012

I. Confirmation Saturday, March 31st, 2012. Confirmation and rehearsal dates and times are listed below.

Confirmation date and time: Saturday, March 31 st at 10:00AM
Rehearsal: Wednesday, March 28 at 7:15PM
Ms. Marisa Passanisi & Mrs. Marina Mirabal
Mrs. Linda Urieta & Miss Lorena Robles
Fr. Larry Darnell & Ms. Dina Barahona
Dr. Shane Gomes & Mr. Ruben Veloz
Mr. David Koker & Ms. Letty Sarno
Mrs. Dianne Hakker

Confirmation date and time: Saturday, March 31 st at 2:00PM
Rehearsal: Thursday, March 29 at 7:15PM
Dr. Thelma Angeles
Ms. Marian Caguioa & Mrs. Mary Kosalka
Mrs. Joanne Gunsaulus
Fr. Ed Broom & Mr. Patrick Alog
Mr. Jorge Ramirez & Mrs. Yoka Koo
Dr. Jorge Lopez & Mr. William Castillo

1. For those who are being confirmed on Saturday, March 31st at **10:00AM**, the rehearsal will be on **Wednesday, March 28** at 7:15 PM. We will meet outside the front entrance of the big church. **Come with your sponsor.**
2. For those who are being confirmed on Saturday, March 31st at **2:00PM**, the rehearsal will be on **Thursday, March 29** at 7:15 PM. We will meet outside the front entrance of the big church. **Come with your sponsor.**

II. Dress code for the students receiving Confirmation, their sponsors and families.

1. The girls are receiving a red confirmation gown. We ask that the girls wear a nice dress which is modest and for a formal occasion with good dressing shoes (no flip-flops). The gown will be placed over the dress.
2. The boys will also wear a red confirmation gown. They are asked to wear clean black dress shoes (NO tennis shoes), dress black pants, **a dress white shirt and a dark tie, no earrings.** The gown will be placed over that.
3. We ask that all the sponsors and relatives who attend the ceremony be appropriately and modestly dressed.
4. No bibles, rosaries, or candles are necessary, but if your sponsors wants to give those as gifts, that is OK.

III. Confessions

1. All the sponsors are expected to receive Holy Communion; therefore they are expected to go to Confession beforehand. All others attending the ceremony, especially the parents are also invited to come to Confession sometime during the week before the ceremony. Confessions are held on weekdays during Mass times; Monday through Friday from 8AM to 9AM; 12PM to 12:55PM; and from 6:30PM until 7:30PM. Saturday from 5:30 to 8:30PM.
2. All the students receiving Confirmation must be in a **STATE OF GRACE** (no mortal sin in their soul), so we encourage them to confess before Confirmation.

IV. Prayer

The students who are to be confirmed are encouraged to pray more in this final period preceding their confirmation. We would like them to pray the rosary daily, and/or do a Novena

to the Holy Spirit. Sponsors and parents are encouraged to pray with them and for them more intensely also during this period.

Prayer to the Seven Gifts of the Holy Spirit: *O Lord Jesus Christ, Who before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to continue Your work in the souls of Your Apostles and Disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me that He may perfect in my soul, the work of Your grace and Your love. Grant me the Spirit of **Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal; the Spirit of **Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of Your divine truth; the Spirit of **Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven; the Spirit of **Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with You and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation; the Spirit of **Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints; the Spirit of **Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable; and the Spirit of **Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him. Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of Your true disciples, and animate me in all things with Your Spirit. Amen.*

V. Vocation Mini-Retreat: Saturday, March 24th, 2012 (this retreat is mandatory).

1. Boys will come at 8:15AM-12:30PM
2. Girls will come at 1:15PM-5:30PM

VI. Confirmation Pictures

On the day of Confirmation the students will have their picture taken individually with the Bishop. Please come to the office 2 weeks after confirmation to pick up your picture. During the Confirmation Mass picture taking is prohibited as it disturbs the prayer of the ceremony.

Bishop Sartoris has requested that no one takes pictures during the ceremony. We will have a photographer representing the parish.

VII. After Confirmation

The students after confirmation will have a greater responsibility to live a deeper Christian life. We ask that they, with the good example and encouragement of their parents and sponsors, do the following:

1. Go to Mass at least every Sunday.
2. Read a bit of the Gospels every day.
3. Pray daily, ideally through the recitation of the rosary.
4. Go to Confession at least once a month.
5. No more classes after Confirmation. :-)

VIII. Others

1. Parents please make sure the CCD Office has the following from your son/daughter that will be confirmed. (Please give this information to Catechism Teachers).
 - A copy of the Baptismal certificate.
 - Sponsor's Name.
 - Saint's Name.
 - 8 hours of community service, (or 13 hours of service if they did not complete their first year service).
 - Final Project: a Confirmation Saint's report.
 - **Payment of \$20 for Confirmation Gown:**
 - We need the height and weight of each student to order the gown.