

# Saint Hugh of Grenoble School of Religion 2013 – 2014 Calendar for Confirmation Preparation

## OCTOBER

**Sunday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmandi/Parent Meeting  
@12:30pm in the School Gym

## NOVEMBER

**Sunday, the 3<sup>rd</sup>:** Confirmation class @ 12:30-2pm -  
What is the Church? reflection #1 - JN15: 1-8 assigned

**Saturday, the 9<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmandi/Sponsor Retreat@9  
Baptism and Confirmation; reflection #1 on JN15:1-8  
due; Saint Report distributed

**Wednesday, the 13<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class - The Gifts  
and Fruits of the Holy Spirit-reflection #2 - Ezekial  
36:26-27 and Galatians 3:26-27 assigned

**Wednesday, the 20<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class -The Rite of  
Confirmation- reflection #2 -Ezek&Gal due.

## DECEMBER

**Fri/Sat, the 6<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup>:** Hunger Retreat@10pm-noon  
Catholic Social Teaching; Saint Report - due

**Saturday, the 14<sup>th</sup>:** Santa's Helpers Party

## JANUARY

**Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup>:** Vigil for Life Holy Hour @7-8pm  
Letter to Bishop assigned

**Wednesday, the 29<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class-The  
Eucharist; 1Cor11:23-29 reflection#3 assigned

## FEBRUARY

**Wednesday, the 5<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class- reflection#3  
1Cor11:23-29-due; Living the Christian Life - reflection  
#4 - Gal 4:4-7 assigned; signup for parent/candidate  
conferences scheduled for Feb.19th

**Wednesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>:** Confirmation class - more on  
Christian living; Gal 4:4-7 due; retreat permission slip  
and conference schedule distributed

**Wednesday, the 19<sup>th</sup>:** Retreat Permission slip/\$ due;  
parent/candidate conferences

## MARCH

**Tuesday, the 4<sup>th</sup>:** Mardi Gras Pancake Supper

Letter to Bishop - due

**Fri/Sat, the 7<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>:** Retreat @ Mattaponi TBD

Candidate interview schedule with Fr.T available

**Friday, the 21<sup>st</sup>:** Stations of the Cross/Poor Man's  
Supper; Confirmation class-prep4interview with Fr.T

**Sunday, the 23<sup>rd</sup>:** Interviews with Fr.T this week

## APRIL

**Sunday, the 27<sup>th</sup>:** Last Day of Class! - Divine Mercy  
Sunday Confirmation Practice @ 2pm-3pm

**Wednesday, the 30<sup>th</sup>:** CONFIRMATION @ 4pm

## MAY

**Sunday, the 4<sup>th</sup>:** 1st Communion @ 9:30am Mass

**Sunday, the 11<sup>th</sup>:** Mothers' Day, May Procession  
and End of Year Celebration

## JUNE

**Sunday, the 8<sup>th</sup>:** Pentecost, Procession &  
Mystagogy

## **Components of the Confirmation Preparation Program**

### **Learning to Use the Gifts of the Spirit**

#### **Understanding and Counsel**

*Greenbelt Santa's Helpers and Mardi Gras Pancake Supper*

- Confirmandi will be required to serve at the two parish events (Dec.14, 2013 and March 4, 2014) listed above.

*Hunger Retreat*

- December 6-7: This event is sponsored by the Youth Group and involves a Friday evening sleep-over retreat in the school gym, followed by Mass in the Church and a community-wide food collection for the Parish Pantry on Saturday morning.

#### **Piety and Fear of the Lord**

*March for Life Vigil and Stations of the Cross*

- The confirmandi will sponsor a parish-wide Holy Hour on January 21st, the vigil of the annual March for Life. Details TBD.
- Friday evenings from 7-8pm during Lent - Stations of the Cross in the Church followed by a Poor Man's Supper sponsored by the Knights of Columbus. Confirmandi will commit to attend at least one evening.

*Pilgrimage*

- Confirmandi are encouraged to go on a pilgrimage with their sponsor or family/ member. Suggestions for local pilgrimages include: The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception and The Fransiscan Monestery (Washington, DC), The Basilica of the National Shrine of the Assumption of Mary (Baltimore), and Emmitsburg, Maryland.

#### **Wisdom and Fortitude**

*Confirmation Retreats*

- Sponsors and Candidates - Saturday, November 9th @ 9am-noon. We will attend the 9am Mass in the Church and then go to the school Library.
- March 8-9, 2014 @ The Mattaponi Retreat Center, details TBD. This retreat will be an overnight retreat for confirmandi only and there will be a fee to cover room and board.

#### **Knowledge**

*Saint Report, Letter to the Bishop, Scripture Reflections, Interview with Fr. Tappe*

- A separate handout listing the requirements for the *Saint Report* will be provided at the Confirmandi/Sponsor retreat, November 9th. The report is due on December 6th, at the Hunger Retreat.
- A separate handout listing what to include in the *Letter to the Bishop* will be provided at our Holy Hour in January. This assignment is due at the Mardi Gras Pancake Dinner event, March 4, 2014.

- A list of the *five Scripture passages* recommended by Archbishop Wuerl for those preparing for Confirmation is attached to this list. We will read and reflect on each passage during class and then the written reflection (one page in length) will be assigned for homework and collected at the following class meeting.
- *Each confirmand will be interviewed by our Pastor, Father Tappe in March.* A list of ten questions and their answers will be distributed to each student in the beginning of the year. These questions reflect a minimum requirement of the knowledge of the sacrament of Confirmation. Each candidate will also be asked to recite some basic prayers, the spiritual and corporal works of mercy, and the Precepts of the Church.

## **Confirmation 2014**

### **Scripture Readings for Reflection - Assignment**

The following are the passages from Holy Scripture recommended by Archbishop Wuerl to those preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You will be assigned these readings and reflections between now and April.

John 15: 1-8

Ezekiel 36: 26-27 and Galatians 3: 26-27

1 Corinthians 11: 23-29

Galatians 4: 4-7

You may read these at any time. They will be discussed in class and then the written reflection will be assigned. Your written reflections on these Scripture readings will be given to Father Tappe as part of the materials he will review prior to your interview with him.

# Confirmation Information Sheet

Name of Child as it appears on Baptismal Certificate

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Mother's Full Maiden Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell# \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Father's Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell# \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Current address of family \_\_\_\_\_

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Child's Date of birth \_\_\_\_\_ Place of birth \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Child's Baptism \_\_\_\_\_ and First Communion \_\_\_\_\_

Name and full address of Church where Child was baptized

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Saint's Name Child is taking as Confirmation Name \_\_\_\_\_

Full Name of Sponsor \_\_\_\_\_

Home or cell # \_\_\_\_\_ email \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor's Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*If child was NOT baptized at St. Hugh's, you must submit a copy of child's Baptism and First Communion certificates.**

## Characteristics of a Confirmation Sponsor - for the Candidate and Sponsor\*

- A Sponsor really wants to be a Sponsor.
- A Sponsor is a representative of the worldwide and local Church.
- A Sponsor is a witness to his/her own faith and to the Candidate's readiness for Confirmation.
- A Sponsor is a companion on the Candidate's journey to Heaven, meets with the Candidate regularly, and talks and listens to the Candidate.
- A Sponsor is a model for committed Catholic living - a practicing Catholic, formally registered in a parish, living a life of regular Catholic worship, especially by attending Sunday Mass and fulfilling the precepts of the Church.
- A Sponsor lives a life of Christian service to others.
- A Sponsor seeks to increase his or her own knowledge of the Catholic faith as well as that of the Candidate's.
- A Sponsor prays for and with the Candidate.
- A Sponsor must be 16 years old or older

\* If the sponsor of choice lives in an area where s/he is unable to accompany the candidate to candidate/sponsor events, the family may choose a "local companion" to take his/her place. The local companion will need to keep the sponsor informed about the topics missed.

**Saint Hugh of Grenoble Catholic Church**  
**Parish School of Religion**  
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Dear Sponsor-to-be:

This letter comes to you because you are being asked to act as a sponsor for a child in our parish who has been enrolled as a candidate for the Sacrament of Confirmation. As you know, this is a privilege, but to accept also brings with it responsibilities.

According to Church law, a person acting as a sponsor must:

1. Have the intention of fulfilling the role of a sponsor.
2. Be sufficiently mature in his or her faith commitment, and should be actively expressing it within the Church community.
3. Be a Catholic who has been confirmed, attends Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation, and if married, has been married in the Catholic Church.
4. Not be either the father or mother of the person being confirmed.

After you have carefully considered this invitation to act as a sponsor, please take this form to one of the priests in your parish and ask him to sign and seal it. You must bring this form yourself, please do not ask someone else to do it for you. This form, signed by one of your parish priests, should be returned to the Parish School of Religion office by October 13, 2013.

God bless you,

Mrs. Mary I. Wade  
Director, School of Religion

**SPONSOR CERTIFICATE - Due October 13, 2013**

To the best of my knowledge \_\_\_\_\_ may act as sponsor for \_\_\_\_\_ at the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Signature of Parish Priest \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parish \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

{Seal of Church} \_\_\_\_\_