**St Pius X Church Confirmation Year-One Program 2024-2025**

**Requirements**

**Candidates for Confirmation are expected of the following:**

1. Attend regular Sunday Liturgies and holy day of obligations at the parish.
2. Attendance of all Confirmation Classes, events and retreats. There are only 13 instructional classes for the year. If the candidate is unable to attend class for any reason, a **parent** must call or email prior to the start of class for it to be considered excused. Please leave a complete message including the student’s full name and reason for not attending*.* **Missed Special Presentations: A similar topical assignment will be given. The candidate can expect to allow the same length of time for researching and writing a conclusion report of the assignment which is due upon their return to the following class.**
3. **Confirmation Retreat:** Confirmation Year-One is held here at St. Pius X Church, which will be put on by Faith Formation Retreat Team. It will most likely be combined with other parishes. Any student who is unable to attend due to a schedule conflict (advance notice required); or is sick the day of our retreat, will need to experience a Confirmation Year-Two Retreat through another parish program at their own expense and transportation. The coordinator will make every effort to help parents locate an acceptable Confirmation Retreat within the Diocese of Norwich, however the later it is in the year, the fewer options may be available to you.
4. **Events that students must attend and participate in:**
   1. **Potluck Dinner** on November 17, 2024 from 6:00 -8:00pm. Students will help donate a dish, set-up and clean-up for the evening.
   2. **Confirmation Retreat** on Saturday, November 16, 2024, in the parish hall from 9:00 – 3:00pm.
   3. **“Souperbowl Sunday of Caring”** on February 9, 2025. Students will sign up to collect money after the masses for the Saint Vincent De Paul Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry. (Will include Confirmation Two)
   4. **Youth Penance Service,** on March 24, 2025 from 7:00pm to 8:30pm.
   5. **Good Friday Outdoor living Stations**, on April 18, 2025 from 8:00 to 1:00pm. Each student will choose a role to play in the outdoor stations of the cross. (Will include Confirmation Two and Middle School)
   6. **Confirmation Mass and reception**. Confirmation One students will help usher and set-up and clean-up for the reception. Date and location to be determined especially if we combine with another parish for the mass.
5. **Selecting a Confirmation Sponsor:** See enclosed for the explanation of guidelines for selecting a Sponsor, and the Sponsor Information Sheet is to be completed and returned by November 1st. *NOTE:* ***Parents cannot be their own child’s Sponsor.***
6. **Service Hours:** Candidates are required to complete a minimum of Ten Hours independent Community Service yearly. A listing of is enclosed to help you think of a way to serve. Return the Service Signature form to Faith Formation Office as Service is completed and it will be added to the student's file. You should also retain a copy for yourself for your own future use in applying for college or work, showing you are a well-rounded person. Please see information sheet.