

May 28, 2020

Dear Parents of Confirmation Students,

First, I want to say, thank you for your patience during the last couple months! How much our everyday lives have changed since March! Since I know that you are anxious to know what is happening with Confirmations, I wanted to send you this letter to tell you the plan that we have come up. The bishop wants very much to be the one to confer the sacrament on as many of the young people of diocese as possible; therefore, he has asked that as soon as we have finished the necessary preparation that we contact his office. To that he can schedule a date for Confirmation. With that in mind, this is the plan:

1. **CLASSES:** In order to complete their sacramental preparation, the confirmation students still need to have several more classes with Fr. Octavio. These dates are:

Saturday, June 13, 10 – 11am

Saturday, June 20, 10 – 11am

Saturday, June 27, 10 – 11am

In order to comply with the current regulations to protect against COVID-19 and to ensure the required 6 ft. social distancing, the class will meet in the Hall. We ask that all students wear face coverings and that they bring their own pen or pencil and paper. We will not be able to supply them with writing tools or paper.

2. **CONFIRMATION RETREAT:** *Universitas* Online Young Adult Conference Monday, June 1 – Friday, June 5th 4:30 – 6:00pm; and Saturday, June 6th 1:00 – 8pm. This conference will take the place of the Confirmation Retreat that was cancelled in March. It is **essential** that the confirmation students participate in the conference. Normally, this conference, hosted by the priests (IVE) and sisters (SSVM), is held at our retreat center in upstate New York but this year it will be hosted online in a virtual format. For further information, the conference schedule, and the link for free registration, please see: <https://www.vocesverbiosa.org/u20.html> (The link will also be posted on the parish Facebook page.

The Conference begins on Monday, June 1 and ends on Saturday, June 6.

Conference Schedule

June 1-5, 4:30pm - Livestream Rosary (SSVM Juniorate), 5:00pm - Formation Talk (IVE Seminary), 5:30pm - Q&A

June 6th 1:00pm - Formation Talk #1, 1:30pm - Q&A, 2:00pm - Livestream Chaplet (Seminary), 3:00pm - Formation Talk #2,

3:30pm - Q&A, 4:00pm - Livestream Rosary, 5:00pm - Formation Talk #3, 5:30pm - Q&A, 7:00pm - Formation Talk #4,

7:30pm - Q&A, 8:00pm - Fogon

Students are asked to take notes on the material because Fr. Octavio will be giving them a brief test on the material presented

3. **COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS** – Due to the current situation, participation in the *Universitas* conference will take the place of the community service hours. The seminary in DC will be sending me confirmation of each student's registration.
4. **CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION** – If you have not already provided the office with your child's sponsor information (each sponsor must have a letter of suitability from the parish to which they belong), please bring them to the parish office as soon as possible.
5. **CONFIRMATION GOWNS** – In order for us to purchase confirmation gowns, we need your child's height in feet and inches. Please call the parish office or send an email to the CCD office at sapccd@gmail.com with that information as soon as possible.

Thank you and God bless you!
Mother Mater Consecrata