

# YOUTH CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

## ST. Frances X. Cabrini Church

**YOUTH** must be at least in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade or 15 years old to begin the 2 year process

**A TWO YEAR** program is required with the sacrament celebrated in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade or 16 years old

**CLASSES** are held on Tuesdays twice a month. 6:30pm to 8:30pm. Attendance will be monitored. If a youth misses more than 3 sessions he/she might need to begin the preparation again.

**PARENTS in year 2** are expected to attend 3 parent sessions a year including "Orientation". Parents in year 1 are expected to attend 2 sessions a year including "Orientation". They are required to earn 20 faith formation hours before the youth completes his preparation. These 20 hours are "learning" hours. Time spent serving does not count. Parent sessions do count.

**SPONSORS/GODPARENTS** are to be selected and names submitted by October of year 2. They are expected to attend 1 Sponsor meeting and the rehearsal. A Sponsor is someone who is practicing their faith and has received all sacraments of initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion), if married, is married in church, has been confirmed for 2 years. Parents are not eligible to be sponsors.

**RETREAT** is required for each year. Year 1 will be held in the fall. Year 2 retreat will be held in the spring. If it is impossible for youth to attend then he/she must make arrangements to participate in another youth retreat compatible with St. Frances.

**COMMUNITY SERVICE** hours will be 40 hours, 20 hours each year. Proof of service will be required. The youth is responsible to keep track of his/her service hours. 50% of hours must be served at SFXC.

**BAPTISM CERTIFICATE** for each person must be submitted. If the youth was baptized in another state or country it is recommended that you secure it immediately as these can sometimes take very long to acquire. Your youth CANNOT make Confirmation without this certificate.