Session 14: Connecting Beyond Confirmation January 29, 2024

Queen of Apostles Confirmation Preparation 2023-2024

This session's objectives:

- To practice the movements and responses of the rite of the Confirmation Mass
- To foster a continuing connection with Jesus and with the Church community through awareness of one's spiritual gifts and desire for continued involvement past Confirmation day
- To assemble lists of Candidates interested in various types of ministries, to be used to assign roles in the Confirmation Mass and/or forwarded to heads of those ministries for follow-up in the Spring

This session's program:

1. **Name-tag pick-up;** start to pass around **sign-up for Confirmation Mass roles** 5 min 6:45
2. **Icebreaker: Spiritual Gifts inventory** (at tables; intro'd by Rachel) 15 min 6:50
   - assign value 1-5 for each question, circle top 3-5 values, then see which gifts those match to
3. **Opening Prayer** *prayer for Israel and Gaza* (Rachel) 5 min 7:05
4. **The Rite of Confirmation** (Rachel, w/ some action at tables) 15 min 7:10
   - practice Presentation of Candidates, Renewal of Baptismal Promises, Laying on of Hands and Anointing with Chrism (using a previous year's program)
   - catechists practice the interaction of Anointing w/ Chrism, calling each candidate by name
5. **Video:** ***It's Not Graduation*** (intro'd by Rachel) 5 min 7:25
6. **Parish Involvement Questions: Give and Take** (at tables) 10 min 7:30
   - *fill out 2-part questionnaire individually, ways to give & serve; share responses if time*
7. **Parish Involvement Ministry Fair** (panel discussion) 35 min 7:40
   - catechists/guests share witnesses (~5 min) about their ministry or personal practices
     - **St Vincent DePaul & Youth Group:** Roine Dryer-Michaels
     - **Liturgical Arts & Environment:** Kathleen Tamayo
     - **Lectors:** Rachel Hohner
     - **Livestreaming:** Scott Michaels
     - **Eucharistic Ministry:** Beth Kraszewski
     - **Music Ministry:** Stella Peters
   - explain what ministry is, what participation looks like, any opportunities for youth
   - witness to rewards of doing this kind of work for the parish or for yourself
   - invite and answer questions from candidates
   - take names of those interested in learning more about parish ministries (not a firm commitment to join, but an expression of interest in shadowing, training, invitation, etc.)
   - at end, Rachel will help brainstorm ways candidates can participate (joining, volunteering at events, praying for them, donating money, etc.) following their Confirmation
8. **Video:** ***What's Your Vocation?*** *with Fr. Charlie & Sr. Alicia* (Rachel) 5 min 8:15
   - introduce with relationship between ministry and the vocation it may lead to
9. **Homework and Retreat Reminders** 5 min 8:20
10. **Closing Prayer** *("Go Make of All Disciples!", verses 1, 2 & 3)* 5 min 8:25

Homework and Reminders:

Homework due at next class: **journal pages 55, 56, 57**

Next class will be split: ***Track A*** Mon. 2/5 6:45-8:30pm ***Track B*** Wed. 2/7 & Fri. 2/9 in Religion

Retreat II with Reconciliation next Fri. 2/9, 4:30pm at Parish Ctr to 8:30pm at Q of A Church