

- 4:30 Arrive at St. Matthias Gym / Pick up name-tag & a big playing card**
Icebreaker – Stack the Deck / “Human UNO”
- students get in a line against the wall as a deck of UNO cards
- hold card in front of you so others can see it
- students next to each other have the same value or the same color
- catechists have WILD cards to insert themselves where needed to close gaps
- students not yet stacked in the deck may get to trade in their cards when a DRAW 2 or DRAW 4 is engaged
- 4:35 Prayer – Guided Meditation “Pass the Cross”** Rachel
- each table group gets a few hand crosses to pass
- each candidate responds inwardly in prayer
- 4:45 Talk – Pentecost** Rachel w/ assistance
- Scripture reading from Acts 2:1-12 – Jamie MocarSKI
- effect of the Spirit to transform the lives of the Apostles (Peter denial to evangelizing, travels and martyrdoms) and transform our own
- teach refrain to “Refiner’s Fire”
- Confirmation is a “little Pentecost,” so why do we anoint with oil and not with fire or wind? (game of “Duck Duck Goose” to choose who gives chase)
- anointed not just as a witness, but chosen as priest, prophet and king
- 5:00 Breakout Session / Chosen as Priest, Prophet & King** Groups
- groups explore themes: - priest (Green, Blue, Purple): Hebrews 4:14-5:4
- king (Red, Black, Brown): 2 Samuel 5:1-2 & Psalm 61:1-9
- prophet (Orange, White): 2 Samuel 12:1-7
- chosen (Pink, Yellow): Ephesians 1:3-6 & John 15:12-17
- brainstorm what is needed for that role
- read & discuss Scripture passage(s) and answer a few questions
- each group will need to select a scribe to record brainstorming and answers
- 5:20 Share answers** Table Groups report back
- 5:30 Talk – Purification and Continuing Conversion** Rachel w/assistance
- Scripture reading from Malachi 3:1-4 – Jack Recinto
- story of the woman & the silversmith: hottest part of fire, watched, own image
- purification removes anything that is not of value, can feel like being “tested”
- teach verses to “Refiner’s Fire”
- 5:45 Stretch Break / Restroom Break if needed**
- 5:50 Brainstorming: Impurities / Temptations & Challenges** Rachel w/assistance
different kinds of impurities in different areas of lives (*mini-witness by catechists*)
- relationship with God: sloth, pride, etc. (Deadly Sins) growing like weeds
- relationship with others: to gossip, bully others, form cliques, lack compassion
- relationship with ourselves: substance abuse: vaping, marijuana, alcohol abuse
- 6:05 Breakout: My Impurities (an Examination of Conscience)** Groups
- *worksheet* to name our own impurities that we may want to bring to Jesus as part of our Reconciliation later on; answers are private, for personal use later
- option if time allows: read and discuss as a table Malachi 3:5

6:15 Making a Good Confession

Karyn McGovern

- “Sacraments 101: Why We Confess” video from BustedHalo
- how to pray during the Examination of Conscience
- steps for confession (also listed on the back of the worship aid)
- **youth** light electric candles after they have gone to confession
 - candidates, please encourage your parents & Sponsors to also go to confession
 - the candidate’s personal invitation means the most!
- *Rachel will be accepting delivery of the pizza and setting out the side dishes/drinks*

6:30 Meal Prayer - Group grace prayer Josie Gorgis (or student volunteer per JG) Dinner – *clean up after yourself*

- *Rachel leaves to open the church & set up for Reconciliation*

6:50 Clean up & Pack / Restroom / Coats on (bundle up!) Catechists under the direction of Jack and Pascale

6:55 Out the door – Walk to Church - Pascale & Reina remain behind to clean up - to church w/ students, parents & Sponsors:

- Jack, Josie, Justine, Karyn, Alexis, **3 subs**
- enter through side door with ramp from Claremont

7:00 Reconciliation Prayer Service

- priest confessors: Fr. Jason, Fr. Sergio, and up to 6 more priests
- see **worship aid** for the order of service

Confessions Flow Management

Karyn, Rachel, Josie, Jack

- *prompt those in line to go up when a priest available, w/ “on deck” lines*
- *prioritize Spanish-language confessions for Spanish-speaking priests*
- *offer chance to do penance prayers, remind about lighting electric candle*
- *direct to candles & to rear pews for evaluation* Justine, **1 sub**
- *as they come back from individual confessions, candidates*
 - *light a candle at center aisle to show that they’ve gone to confession*
 - *may then pray quietly in the church (if that is part of their penance)*
 - *then go to the rear pews at the back of church where they can complete an **evaluation** (pencils available)* Alexis, **2 subs**
 - *other **prayer aids** available to use time in church wisely and reverently (rosaries & guides, variety of prayer cards, penance prayers)*
- *catechists help with maintaining a prayerful atmosphere & managing “what’s next?” interactions, but may also go to confession once candidates have gone*

8:25 Reminders and Closing Prayer

likely from back of church if individual confessions still going

Rachel

8:30 Dismissal from Ainslie doors of the church