

10th Grade: Year Two for Preparation for Confirmation 2023-2024

August A retreat(s) can be at the beginning, in November, during Lent, and/or before Confirmation. Visit diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation for Retreat Guidelines

Suggested Content for a Confirmation Retreat

1. What is the main purpose for my life? Living in relationship with Christ.
 2. The History of God’s Family (my Family if I am baptized and follow His Commandments) – focus on Jesus’ love in the Crucifixion. (Power point and simple content for The Story of the Bible)
 3. Sin separates me from Jesus’ love – Conversion and Sacrament of Confession – healing.
 4. The Holy Spirit helps me to be committed to Jesus in daily prayer.
 5. Discipleship – The Holy Spirit guides me by inner promptings to live the Christian life.
- Theme throughout retreat: Prayer: Why pray? When and how should I pray?
Challenge to Daily Prayer Commitment: reading Gospel of Luke

Sunday after the Retreat: Commitment Sunday

Committing to:

- 1) participate at Mass every Sunday and receiving the Sacrament of Confession regularly
- 2) pray on a daily basis
- 3) live according to the Ten Commandments and the Beatitudes
- 4) perform some charitable works in the name of Jesus Christ
- 5) come to class each week, ready to learn more about the Faith and to share it with others.

Rite of Commitment to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation: from the Diocese of La Crosse

September **Prayer to the Holy Spirit to develop a deeper relationship with Him. Visit:**
diolc.org/prayer 10th Grade for a prayer card. “Going Deeper in Prayer” Initiative
Gathering with parents and-confirmand: Bishop Callahan’s (3 ½ min) words of encouragement at
diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation

The Truth: *Catechumenate (Explain sacramental living and the power to answer the call)*

Session 1 Begin with a few icebreakers from Session 1 of “Chosen”

Theology of the Body: YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body

If YOU: Life, Love and the Theology of the Body was already taught in 9th Grade, for these next 7 sessions, teach the Gifts of the Holy Spirit available from the Diocesan Confirmation Program. Feel free to adjust the schedule to teach the 7 Gifts of the Holy Spirit closer to the time of reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

TOB Chapter 1: Created for Love or

The Supernatural Gift of Knowledge \ 9 min. Video clip – St. Patrick, living as a slave in harsh circumstances, receives the gift of knowledge. The Gift of Knowledge allows you to know that there is a space reserved within you solely for the Holy Spirit. No

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thing or person can fill this space. God created you for Himself alone. The supernatural Gift of Knowledge also gives you the capacity to see more deeply into human situations and understand what is happening.

Session 2 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer

TOB Chapter 2: Naked without Shame or

The supernatural Gift of Piety \ short Video clip on St. Maria Goretti; she places her love for God ahead of everything. The Supernatural Gift of Piety is knowing and loving God, our Heavenly Father as a son or daughter truly would. As members of the Family of God, we are brothers and sisters in Christ and therefore we must treat each other with deep respect.

October

Session 3 **TOB Chapter 3: Love Defined or**

The supernatural Gift of Fortitude – Courage \ 10 min. Video clip of St. Paul.

Fortitude gives me the strength to be faithful to Christ even when it is difficult to do so. Fortitude is the gift that gives me the courage to overcome the obstacles that would harm my relationship with Jesus.

Session 4 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer

TOB Chapter 4: Hope and Redemption in Christ or

The supernatural Gift of Understanding / 6 min. Video clip of the Scarlet and the Black. One of the functions of the supernatural Gift of Understanding is that it helps me to realize that sin separates me from this relationship with Jesus. For instance, when I break one of the Ten Commandments and my friendship is broken with Jesus, my heart is led to repentance and I seek to be reunited with Jesus in receiving the Sacrament of Confession.

Session 5 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer

TOB Chapter 5: Truth and Freedom or

The supernatural Gift of Wisdom 8 min. Video clip of Romero. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. The Gift of Wisdom inspires me to worship God and to love Him as my Heavenly Father. His love leads me to want to know and do what is right and good.

Session 6 **TOB Chapter 6: Free, Total, Faithful, Fruitful or**

The supernatural Gift of Fear of the Lord / 10 min Video clip of Joan of Arc. The supernatural Gift of Fear of the Lord is a holy fear that fills us with a loving reverence towards God and helps us avoid anything that may displease Him.

November Possible time for a retreat (downloadable resource from Chosen)

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- Session 7 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer: begin with a prompt
**TOB Chapter 7: Language of the Body or
The Supernatural Gift of Right Counsel / 8 min.** Video clip of Mother Teresa. The Supernatural Gift of Right Counsel guides me to make correct decisions about God’s will for my life.
- Session 8 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer “When did my journey begin?” (Baptism, Your Initiation into God’s Family - **Lesson 9 from “Chosen”**)
- Session 9 “Why tell my sins to a priest?” The Healing Power of Confession – **Chosen Session 10**

December

- Session 10 Penance Service (downloadable resource from Chosen)
- Session 11 Session 12 “How does God help when it hurts?” (Anointing of the Sick and Redemptive Suffering – **Lesson 11 from “Chosen”**)
- Session 12 Preparing for Christmas - “Praying with Scripture” prayer worksheet at:
diolc.org/catechesis/catechist-training-resources-for-teaching/praying-with-scripture

January

- Session 13 “Are you talking to me?” (Getting to know God through Prayer – **Chosen Lesson 18**)
Segment 1 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt
- Session 14 “Are you talking to me?” (Getting to know God through Prayer – **Chosen Lesson 18**)
Segment 2 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt
- Session 15 “Are you talking to me?” (Getting to know God through Prayer – **Chosen Lesson 18**)
Segment 3 Time of quiet prayer – provide a prompt
- Session 16 Begin class with 10 minutes of quiet prayer: pray silently with a prayer of the Mass. “Who is the Holy Spirit?” (Meeting the Third Person of the Trinity-**Chosen Lesson 12**)
Note: Replace the DVD clips with a Presentation by Msgr. Joseph Hirsch on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit on DVD (70 minutes) available from the Office of Cat. & Evangelization at diolc.org/catechesis/sacramental-prep/confirmation. If necessary, show 35 minutes in Session 13 and 35 minutes in Session 14 along with the Fruits of the Holy Spirit.

February

- Session 17 “What does the Holy Spirit do for me?” (Gifts for the Journey – **Chosen Lesson 13**)

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Note: **Replace the DVD clips with The Fruits of the Holy Spirit by Bishop Robert Barron** based on Galatians 5:22. Fr. Barron explains that seeing the fruits of the Holy Spirit in our lives is how we know we are on the right track.
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1INut0Gi09Q> (12 minutes) See also Luke 6:43-45. You can know what kind of person someone is by who they are and what they have done - the fruit of their life. Use “Chosen” workbook for discussion.

Mass for Ash Wednesday – February 14, 2024

Session 18 “Why have I been *Chosen*?” (Sealed and Sent in Confirmation – **Chosen Lesson 14**)

Session 19 “Why do I have to go to Mass?” (Encountering Jesus in the Eucharist – **Chosen Lesson 15**)

March Possible time for a retreat (downloadable resource)

Session 20 “What does it mean to say, ‘I do?’” (Marriage, a Sign of God’s Love – **Chosen Lesson 16**)

Session 21 “Who’s calling?” (Holy Orders and Vocational Discernment – **Chosen Lesson 17**)

Session 22 “Who is Mary?” (Meeting the Mother of God and Your Heavenly Family – **Chosen Lesson 19**)

The Life: Discipleship (Final preparation for a life of discipleship)

Session 23 “What would Jesus do?” (The Beatitudes as a Path to True Happiness – **Lesson 20**
Note: **Replace the DVD clips from Chosen with Episode 2, part 1 Catholicism DVD Program** by Bishop Robert Barron (first 23 min.) This series is available at every parish in the Diocese. Use “Chosen” workbook for discussion or discussion questions from Office of Catechesis and Evangelization.

Session 24 Penance Service / Stations of the Cross

Easter: March 31, 2024

April

Session 25 “Do I have what it takes?” Building Virtue – Your Spiritual Workout: **Chosen Lesson 21** See also the Diocesan Virtue Program: diolc.org/catechesis/understanding-and-living-the-virtues

Session 26 “Why wait?” (God’s Plan for Love and Sex – **Lesson 22 from “Chosen”**)

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Session 27 “How do I build the Kingdom?” (Saying “Yes to the Mission of Christ and His Church – **Lesson 23 from Chosen**) Pre-Confirmation Interviews (downloadable resource)

Session 28 “Where do I go from here?” (The Journey Continues – **Lesson 24 from “Chosen”**)

May

Session 29 Possible Confirmation Retreat, Rehearsal and Rite of Confirmation

**Consider showing Lesson 14 and 18 again before the young people are confirmed.