

Confirmation Orientation Presentation

Parent Orientation for Confirmation Instruction
Bethany Lutheran Church - Austin, Texas

1 - Pressures:

How is the life your teenager faces different from the one you lived at the same age?

2 - Adolescence:

During this trying time of upheaval what do you think are the needs of young people?

How does your youth behavior change in the presence of the opposite gender?

3 - Support Systems:

How has the support system/structure for individuals changed since you were 14 or 15 years old?

- family
- community
- school systems
- church

4 - Role models:

What significant adult in your life during high school made a lasting impact on your life?
On your Christian faith?

- List words to describe this person(s).

5 - Legacy:

What do you want your young person to know about you when they become an adult?

6 - Faith:

What do you want your young person to be able to know, believe and articulate by the time they have completed Confirmation instruction at Bethany?

- To know
- To believe
- To be able to articulate

7 - How:

How do you go about making sure your young person is ready to be confirmed?

Prepare them for Confirmation:

Prior to the start of classes:

- Talk to them about their Baptism. Remind them of that event and what it means in their spiritual life.
- Make sure they learn the books of the Bible.
- Make sure they learn The 10 Commandments.
- Make sure they know The Lord's Prayer.
- Make sure they know The Apostle's Creed.

During the school year and the entire Confirmation experience:

- Make sure they attend faithfully all Confirmation class sessions, Huddle service projects, retreats.
- Make sure they are faithful with their acolyte duties as it is an important part of the Confirmation instruction.
- Provide for them a Bible (NIV Bible or Concordia Self-Study Bible).
- Provide them with a good example of active Christian faith:
 - Faithfully attend church and Bible study on Sundays.
 - Partake in The Lord's Supper together.
 - Be involved in the life of the church through service and fellowship.
 - Participate in family devotions and prayer together.
 - Be an example of faithful tithing.
 - Encourage them to actively participate in Bethany's youth program.

Assist them in learning and memorizing the six chief parts of the Catechism:

- The Ten Commandments
- The Creeds
- The Lord's Prayer
- The Sacrament of Holy Baptism
- Confession
- The Sacrament of the Altar

Assist them in memorizing assigned scripture verses.