

# St. Bernard's Faith Formation Programs

## Confirmation Program Fact Sheet

### Requirements

- Family must be registered member of the parish.
- Registration in the confirmation program.
- Completion of 2 years of religious education in the parish program.
- Attendance at all sacramental preparation classes.
- Attendance of special sessions; and attendance of retreat (2<sup>nd</sup> year students only).
- Completion of community service hours.

### Sponsors

- Sponsor must be a confirmed Catholic 16 years of age or older.
- Sponsor must be active in his/her faith and Christian life.
  - (Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the parish).
  - If sponsor is a married person the church must recognize the marriage.
  - Sponsor eligibility Form is required for every sponsor.
- Sponsor may not be the candidate's father or mother.
- Sponsor may be male or female regardless of student gender.
- Students may only have one sponsor.
- Sponsor is required to attend the Special Sessions as per schedule.
  - Schedules are made available to students

### Service Hours

Service hours are required in the Confirmation process. Service is living out of Jesus' teaching in Matt 25:34-46. To serve, then, is a true gift for both the recipient and the giver. It is important not only to listen and understand the Word of God, but also to apply the lessons learned. This is essential to living as a Christian and following Jesus' footsteps.

- It is the Candidate's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of this project.
- 1<sup>st</sup> year students must complete 10 hours; 2<sup>nd</sup> year students 20.
- Service should not have any financial compensation.
- Service should reflect work done beyond usual chores and duties done at home or for family.
- Opportunities for service will be conveyed to students as they become available
- Local Agencies that, at times require assistance are as follows:
  - Interfaith Ministries – 209-836-5424
  - McHenry House – 209-835-2328
  - Sutter Hospital – 209-835-1500
  - New Hope Care Center – 209-832-2273
  - Tracy Convalescent Hospital – 209-835-6034

***\*\*Please call these agencies prior to arriving to set-up service.***