

**IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH**  
**2017-2018 DECISION POINT CONFIRMATION**

**TRACK 2 (10th Grade) Sessions**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Extra Notes</b>
Sunday, September 24	3:30 - 6 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>Life is Choices</b>	Parent Meeting in Lower Chapel from 3:30-4:00
Sunday, October 22	3:30 - 6 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>The Jesus Question</b>	
Sunday, November 26	3:30 - 6 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>Prayer/The Bible</b>	
<i>Friday, December 1</i>	TBA	TBA	LIFT NIGHT	Watch at Home: Bishop Barron's <i>Catholicism</i> , Session 7 (Formed.org)
Sunday, January 28	10am - 6pm	Lower Church Hall	DECISION POINT RETREAT <b>Holy Spirit &amp; The Church</b>	<i>Sponsor Forms Due</i>
Sunday, February 25	3:30- 6 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>Relationships</b>	<i>Session with Sponsors Letter to Bishop Reed Due</i>
Sunday, March 25	<i>no class</i>	<i>no class</i>		<i>Palm Sunday! At home lesson this month: TBA</i>
Sunday, April 22	3:30 - 6 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>Made for Mission</b>	
Sunday, May 20	3:30-7 pm	Lower Church Hall	<b>Holiness is Possible</b>	<i>Rehearsal with Sponsors Saints Project Due Service Project Due Hall of Fame Dinner</i>
Saturday, May 26	10 am & 1 pm	Upper Church	CONFIRMATION MASSES WITH BISHOP REED	(Arrive 45 minutes before your Mass to Lower Church with your sponsor)



## IMPORTANT INFORMATION

### Winter Weather Cancellations

All cancellations will be posted on our parish facebook page (@icmarlborough) and on Channels 4, 5, and 7. (WHDH)

### Confirmandi, Parents, and Sponsors are encouraged to follow along with Decision Point:

- In print: Your personal Decision Point Workbook (*should come with you to each class*)
- Online: [dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation](http://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation)
- On your phone: App Store or Google Play - free "Decision Point" App

### Questions? Feel free to contact us:

- For questions regarding scheduling and registration, please contact Mrs. Margie Saez, Administrator of Religious Education ([religious.education@icmarlboro.org](mailto:religious.education@icmarlboro.org) or 508-481-7535).
- For questions regarding curriculum and Faith Formation opportunities, please contact Dr. Dorie Mansen, Director of Mission ([evangelization@icmarlboro.org](mailto:evangelization@icmarlboro.org) or 508-787-0504).

## DECISION POINT EXPECTATIONS

### WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE DECISION POINT MENTORS?

Our volunteers are expected to be:

- 1) Prepared
- 2) Respectful
- 3) Confidential
- 4) Safe
- 5) Faithful

### WHAT IS EXPECTED FROM THE CONFIRMANDI?

Our candidates are expected to be:

- 1) Prepared
- 2) Respectful
- 3) Willing
- 4) Participants in class and at Mass
- 5) Reverent Mass Attendees

### WHAT CAN PARENTS DO TO HELP?

In support of their children, the parents of the confirmandi may:

- 1) Attend Mass with their child
- 2) Pray with and for their child during this process
- 3) Support them in their assignments

# DECISION POINT PROJECTS & GUIDELINES

## CHOOSING A SPONSOR | DUE JANUARY 28<sup>TH</sup>

Each confirmand will need to choose a sponsor.

**The requirements to be a Confirmation sponsor are as follow:**

- 1) The sponsor is a Confirmed Catholic in good standing, above the age of 16.
- 2) The sponsor is not one of the confirmand's parents.

## CHOOSING A NAMESAKE

The confirmand may choose to take a saint as a namesake at Confirmation. This is not a requirement of Confirmation. There are many, many saints that have been canonized by the Catholic Church.

**Some guidelines for choosing a saintly namesake are as follows:**

- 1) The saint must be officially canonized by the Catholic Church
- 2) It is encouraged to take time to research about and pray with the saints

*Sites like [catholic.org](http://catholic.org) have lists of the saints, and are helpful for beginning the process.*

## LETTER TO BISHOP REED | DUE FEBRUARY 25<sup>TH</sup>

Each confirmand will be required to write a letter to their confirming bishop.

**The requirements for this letter are as follows:**

- 1) Addressed: His Excellency Bishop Reed
- 2) Salutation: Your Excellency,
- 3) Who the confirmand is
- 4) Why the confirmand desires to be confirmed
- 5) Who the confirmand has chosen as a sponsor and why
- 6) What saint's name the confirmand has chosen (if one was chosen; not required).
- 7) Why that saint is important to the confirmand

*All letter to the bishop will be collected during class and read by Father Marc before being sent out.*

## SAINTS PROJECT | DUE MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

The confirmandi will be required to research on a saint of their choosing. With their research they will be creating a poster-board project, showcasing the following:

- 1) Saint's name and history
- 2) When they were officially canonized
- 3) The virtues most connected with the saint
- 4) Why the confirmand feels affinity toward this saint
- 5) Any other interesting and useful facts about the chosen saint
- 6) The poster-board will be displayed

*It is recommended that the confirmandi choose the same saint as their Confirmation namesake, if they have chosen one.*

## SERVICE PROJECT | DUE MAY 20<sup>TH</sup>

See attached document for the family service project.