



St. Maria Goretti - Youth Formation



Sacramental Preparation for Teens
2009-2010

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Dear Parents and Teens,

Welcome to the *2009-2010* Teen Sacramental Preparation program. We are glad to have you on board with us this year. It promises to be an exciting time of growing in faith and strengthening our relationships with friends and family. This preparation will be a challenging time for us to examine the place of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit in our lives.

This program is open to all Jr. High and High School students who are in need of Sacraments they may have missed or have not had the opportunity to receive. It is for those who have received the Sacraments of Baptism and First Communion and who desire to be Confirmed. It is also for those who desire to receive the Sacraments of Initiation in the Church, those of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion.

John Paul II called the youth his hope. We here at St. Maria Goretti are putting our hope in you. We are counting on you to participate fully in the program and to become strong Christian leaders in our community. Along with the entire diocese, we invite you to learn about the power of the Holy Spirit and see what difference these Sacraments can make in your personal life.

We have entered the Third Christian Millennium. John Paul II told us that this time will be one of special evangelization and growth for the life of the Church. This is a unique and special time for you to be preparing to receive these Sacraments. Christ has high hopes for you, and we do, too.

God Bless you on your journey,

Dan Minton
Coordinator of Youth Formation

Program Description

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Please consult the Program Dates Sheet for the schedule of events.

I. Program Goal: The goal of the St. Maria Goretti Sacramental Preparation program is to challenge each candidate to be a witness for Christ and His Church and to determine if they are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

II. Components: This goal is achieved through catechesis (instruction in the Faith), liturgy (public prayer and sacraments), service, and community building activities. Most of these are achieved through attendance and participation in our weekly programs for Jr. High (CIA) and High School (Generation Hope).

III. Eligibility: The St. Maria Goretti Sacramental Preparation program is open to teens who are in need of any Sacraments they may have missed or did not have the opportunity to receive. A certificate of Baptism must be provided at the beginning of the program to take part in the preparation for those wishing to receive Confirmation.

IV. Preparation: Preparation for the Sacramental Preparation program consists of the following stages:

1. Parent Orientation and Information Meeting
2. First Interview with Candidate (Fall). Candidates must call the Coordinator for an appointment.
3. Catechesis, which are weekly "youth group" sessions with their peers. Jr. High (CIA) meets on Monday evenings from 6:30 – 8:00 pm, or High School (Generation Hope) which meets on Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 pm.
4. Days of Renewal
On monthly occasions, all teens in Sacramental Preparation will meet prior to their respective program (CIA or Generation Hope). These short sessions will allow time to focus on specific issues regarding the Sacraments, time for questions and answers, as well as time to reflect and share together as a group.
5. Sponsors, for those wishing to receive Confirmation
Sponsors must be practicing Catholics, have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion, and be at least 16 years of age. Parents cannot sponsor their own children. Sponsors not registered at this parish must supply us with a sponsor certificate signed by the pastor of their parish. Sponsors are asked to attend the Day of Renewal in the Spring 2010.
6. Service
Service will consist of projects that take place within the youth programs, by age group (CIA or Generation Hope). Candidates can receive 'credit' for their service

project with written approval from an authorized representative from the organization of service.

7. Day of Prayer

Candidates seeking Sacraments will attend a Day of Prayer, on a weekend day, to be scheduled for Spring of 2010.

8. Final Interview/Request for Confirmation

This will include a questionnaire to be returned no later than one month before Confirmation (includes the picking of a Confirmation name).

9. Rehearsal

10. Celebration of the Sacraments

V. Cost The registration fee for the Sacramental Preparation program is \$35.00. This covers supplies for the preparation sessions and Day of Prayer. Checks can be made payable to, St. Maria Goretti. If you are unable to pay the full amount, please contact the Parish office immediately. Any donations for those who cannot cover their costs would be greatly appreciated.

VI. Attendance Candidates are required to attend all events. In the case of an absence, a suitable means of make-up work will be determined. It is strongly recommended to avoid this route of preparation. Any teen dismissed during a meeting for disciplinary matters will be marked absent for the entire day.

Questions: Please contact Dan Minton, Coordinator of Youth Formation, at the Parish office at (480) 948 – 8380, ext. 21, or email dminton@smgaz.org.

Program Dates

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Sacramental Preparation Dates:

1. Parent Orientation Information Meeting: Monday, September 21, 6:30pm, Piper Hall
2. First Interview with Sacramental Preparation Coordinator, Fall 2009
3. Kick-off Meeting with Candidates and Teens:
 - a. High School (Generation Hope) Sunday, September 27, 2009, 6:00 – 7:30 pm, Piper Hall
 - b. Jr. High {6th – 8th grades} (CIA), Monday, September 28, 2009, 6:30 – 8:00 pm, Piper Hall
4. Days of Renewal
 - a. Renewal meeting dates
 - i. October 18/19, 2009
 - ii. November 15/16, 2009
 - iii. December 14/15, 2009
 - iv. February 21/22, 2010
 - v. March 14/15, 10
 - vi. April 11/12, 2010
 - b. You only need to meet on the day and date of the program you attend, Jr. High (CIA) or High School (Generation Hope), on one of the dates above, each month.
5. Service Project (as completed in CIA or Generation Hope programs)
6. Day of Prayer, including Sponsors
 - a. *Tentative date:* Sunday, March 28, 2010, 1:00 – 3:00 pm, Piper Hall
7. Confirmation Rehearsal: *To be determined*, Location: Church
8. Conferring of Sacraments: Sunday, May 2nd, 2010, Location: Church