

Syllabus for Confirmation Preparation Spring 2010

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Session Date	Parallel chapters in <i>The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth</i>	Topics covered	Chapters to read for next class from <i>The Shack</i>	Questions to be answered and e-mailed to stcharlesyyam@yahoo.com prior to class
January 10		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distribution of books 	Chapters 1, 2, 3 for January 17	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what kind of situations have you experienced waiting for God? 2. Explain the significance of Nan's name for God. What name do you use for God? Explain its significance for you.
January 17 The call to beware of riches and the attachment to possessions	Chapter 17 Confirmation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baptismal Promises • Confirmation overview • Get to know each other • Faith applied to life 	Chapters 4 & 5 for January 31	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why do people not like to see pain inflicted on children and the innocent? 2. What is Mack seeking in the shack? 3. How do you confront evil?
January 31 The call to be just in our dealings with others	Chapter 21 Introduction to Morality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The created world is good • Rejection of evil 	Chapters 6, 7 & 8 for February 14	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why is it important to God that you trust God? 2. How does God's love for you affect your love for others? 3. How do you determine what is good and evil?
February 14 The call to pray always and with complete trust in God	Chapter 4 God Our Father	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belief in God • Images of God • God in relationship 	Chapters 9 & 10 for February 28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is your life meant to copy Christ? Please explain. 2. What obstacles get in your way of faith in Jesus?
February 19-21	Confirmation Retreat			
February 28 The call to serve the poor	Chapter 7 Jesus' Message and Mission through Chapter 10 The Holy Spirit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jesus as a human being • Parallel to Peter • Jesus gave us the Holy Spirit 	Chapters 11 & 12 for March 28	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Is judgment always negative? How could it be positive? 2. How do you perceive the Church?

March 14	Mass of Commitment			
<p>March 28 The call to avoid judging and condemning others</p>	<p>Chapter 11 The Mission of the Catholic Church Chapter 13 The Last Things</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Judgment & Salvation • Heaven and Hell • Jesus & the Church • Contemporary Church/community 	<p>Chapters 13 & 14 for April 11</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How do you <i>know</i> that God's love is greater than your foolishness? 2. How do you feel about being the pinnacle of creation and the center of God's affection? Is every person the pinnacle of creation and the center of God's affection? How does this affect how you deal with others?
<p>April 11 The call to forgive one another and always seek reconciliation with one another</p>	<p>Chapter 19 The Sacraments of Healing Chapter 34 Praying with Scripture</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's love is bigger than our foolishness • Reconciliation • God is a verb • Bible in context of the bigger picture 	<p>Chapters 15, 16 & 17 for April 25</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does the Spirit's presence reassure and comfort you? 2. What do you think about the choice Papa gave to Mack? How would you have responded?
<p>April 25 The call to love even our enemies The call to renounce revenge</p>	<p>Chapter 10 The Holy Spirit</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Healing & the Holy Spirit • God does not cause the event, God steps into it to help you heal • Healing Meditation 	<p>Chapter 18 & After Words for May 2</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How did treading this book make a difference in your understanding of faith? 2. The author uses the metaphor of a direct conversation with God, how does this compare to real life prayer? 3. What does your conversation with God sound like?
<p>May 2 The call to love one another and ourselves</p>		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Closing interviews 		
<p>May 23</p>	Confirmation Practice			
<p>May 25</p>	Confirmation Celebration			