

# ***1<sup>st</sup> Year Confirmation 2006-2007***

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## **Curriculum**

Classes for 1<sup>st</sup> Year students will be adapted from the curriculum *I Will with God's Help*. It is distinctly Episcopal in that it is based upon the confirmation liturgy in the Book of Common Prayer. It also teaches to different learning styles. For any given lesson, students will listen, journal, sing, and discuss. There will also be opportunity for students to convey ideas through art and drama.

## **Where Classes Will Meet**

- Classes begin with worship at the 9:15 liturgy.
- After the 2<sup>nd</sup> class, small groups (and families if they choose) will sit in the same area.
- When we sing the communion hymn, all church school children, confirmation students, and teachers will recess from the nave. Confirmation students and teachers will exit through the Narthex, down the steps to Church Lane, and walk to the YMCA.
- Class will meet in the Bedford Room at the Y. We will return as a group to the C&HT Parish Hall by 11:30 am. *If there is ever a time when your child must leave early, please come to the Bedford Room in person to collect your son or daughter. C&HT teachers and staff cannot allow a student to leave the Y unattended. Also, please notify Andrea in advance of an early departure.*

## **Absences**

Confirmation classes are more than just the sum of information conveyed. A big part of the experience is being with the other students and the teachers. Teachers, staff, and students will work very hard at creating a community. Whenever one person is missing, the community is diminished. Thank you in advance for making a family commitment to confirmation.

Teachers will take attendance and notify Andrea of absences. If your son or daughter is absent, Andrea will be in touch with a make-up assignment. If your son or daughter misses more than 2 sessions, Andrea or John Branson will be in touch to discuss further.

If your family knows ahead of time (for whatever reason) that you will miss more than 2 classes, please be in touch with Andrea as soon as possible to talk about what arrangements you might make. You may consider delaying confirmation preparation until a year when you can better focus on the confirmation experience.

## **Journals, Prayer Books, & River Stones**

Each student will receive a river stone, a Book of Common Prayer and a journal for jotting down thoughts and reflections of their experiences. We ask that they bring all 3 to C&HT on class days.

## **Sponsors**

Your child should choose a sponsor with whom he or she can maintain a relationship during the next two years. Qualities of a super sponsor include:

- Someone who is a practicing Christian and who can talk about his or her faith;
- Someone who lives within driving distance;
- Someone who is not a parent or a sibling or a C&HT staffmember.

*Please be sure your child invites his or her sponsor to a Sponsors' Social, Sunday, November 5, 4 p.m., and please notify Andrea with the sponsor's name, address, and e-mail by October 15.*