

# Parent/Sponsor Seminars:

## Explanation & Options

**Goal:** To empower you to better share our Catholic Faith with our candidates by education and witness, equipping you with the tools needed to foster deeper faith in yourself and others.

### Topic List:

- **January 11th:** Foundations: Relationship, Identity, & Our Prayer Life with God
  - *Come discover how God desires a personal relationship with you, how that relationship gives you your identity, and why prayer is key to both being grounded in our faith and understanding what it means to love and be loved.*
- **January 25th:** Catholicism 101: The Precepts & Tenets of Our Faith
  - *Come learn about the basic requirements of being Catholic along with the fundamentals of our faith that we profess in the Creed at Sunday Mass. We will also talk about how to read Scripture and how to use resources like the Catechism.*
- **February 8th:** Tough Topics: Love, Sexuality, Life, & More
  - *Come encounter hot-topics of today's world and learn not only what our Church teaches regarding them, but also how you can better share the truth with those you encounter. Topics discussed may include love, questions on sexuality & identity, vocational awareness, and teachings on life & death.*
- **March 1st:** Transformed: The Impact of the Eucharist
  - *Come uncover just why belief in the Eucharist is so vital, **and how** the power of the Eucharist transforms us. We do not leave an encounter with the Eucharist without being transformed!*
- **March 15th:** Catholicism 201: The Sacraments
  - *Come discover the meaning and importance of each Sacrament of our Church, with a focus on Confirmation.*
- **March 22nd:** Living the Faith: Bringing our Catholicity into Our Lives, Homes, & Families
  - *Come learn practical ways of bringing your faith into your daily life. From understanding the Liturgical Year, to knowing Patron Saints, to celebrating holy habits you can incorporate into your life, we'll discover how to take our faith from mere words to **action**.*

### Details:

- **Parents and Sponsors are asked to attend one** of the listed opportunities above. You can attend more of them if you wish. There are no signups for these - simply walk in.
- **You do not have to attend at the same time as your candidate's small group session.** You can attend any of them, at either timeslot, based on what works best for your schedule.
- **You will sign-in for the one you attend by putting your initials beside your candidate's name** in either the parent/guardian box OR the sponsor box on the sheet at the sign-in table. After you attend **one**, you will not be asked to sign-in again.
- **All parent/sponsor in-person encounters** will be hosted on St. George Campus in the **KleinPeter Activity Center**, specifically in the **Bishop Ott Room**. There will be signs on the doors.
- **Lunch or dinner will be provided** in the form of pizza and bottled water.
- **Encounter Sessions will begin approximately 15 minutes after Mass ends** on the dates listed above (12:45pm for the first timeslot, 7:15pm for the second timeslot)
- **Encounter Sessions will end approximately 15-20 minutes before candidate small group sessions end** on the dates listed above, in order that I may leave the classroom and set up the Chapel for candidates to go to adoration.
  - Parents and Sponsors are **not** allowed to be in the chapel with candidates, but can go into the main body of the Church for that 15-20 minutes of quiet prayer time. *This is in order to comply with child-protection requirements.*