



## FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

### 1. What makes *Chosen* so unique and effective when compared to other programs?

*Chosen* brings together twelve of the most talented and inspiring presenters in the Church today. It was filmed in more than fifty locations throughout the world, and young people will be captivated as they journey from Times Square to St. Peter's Square. Lessons are designed to capture their attention and present the faith in new and unexpected ways. From skydiving with Chris Stefanick to visiting the Roman aqueducts with Deacon Harold Burk-Sivers, each week teens will be engaged, challenged, and inspired.

The videos are only one component of a fully integrated system of catechesis and evangelization. Videos, dynamic student workbooks, and easy-to-use guides for leaders, parents, and sponsors, along with a rich offering of free online resources, all work together toward a single goal—leading teens to Christ and a commitment to discipleship. *Chosen* speaks the language of today's youth and is designed to reach through the cultural confusion of relativism and materialism. While many programs do a solid job of presenting facts and material, few can connect with hearts and minds in the way that *Chosen* does, intellectually, emotionally, and spiritually.

### 2. How are the classes structured?

Each lesson begins with an engaging and fun onscreen Review Game of the previous week's material, followed by an Opening Prayer. Students are then led through a powerful video presentation that is divided into three segments, with breaks in between each, allowing for activities to be done in the workbook as well as small group discussion. The lesson continues with a Hero of the Week (i.e., a saint story), followed by a Challenge of the Week (which encourages the teens to live out their faith), and ends with prayer.

### 3. Who would benefit from the *Chosen* experience?

*Chosen* is open to all high school aged teenagers, including those who have already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and are looking to go deeper in their faith.

*Chosen* is a **requirement** for those who wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

If your teen has already received the Sacrament of Confirmation and is unsure of

whether or not he/she wants to participate in *Chosen* we offer a trial period through October. Register your teen and if after a few weeks he/she decides not to continue in the program we will refund you the registration fee minus the cost of the workbook.

#### **4. My child attends Catholic school, is he/she required to participate in *Chosen* to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation?**

Yes! *Chosen* is designed to provide the essential intellectual and spiritual catechesis that is so vital to sacramental preparation. Catechesis is different than an academic course, which seeks to impart knowledge about a given subject. While a catechist certainly teaches, and the student catechized certainly learns, the goal of catechesis is to bring about a personal encounter with Jesus Christ. It is teaching for conversion.

#### **5. How does *Chosen* engage parents and families?**

We realize that no matter how gifted a teacher is and no matter how great any particular resource may be, nothing and no one can take the place of a parent. For this reason, *Chosen* offers a comprehensive Parent's Guide with tips and suggestions for parents about how to talk to and engage their child throughout their journey.

We realize that Confirmation not only provides a unique, once-in-a lifetime opportunity to reach teens—it also provides the chance to connect with and possibly rekindle the faith of their parents.

So, while the Parent's Guide was written to provide information and direction for parents to guide and encourage their child during the program, we also seek to evangelize and challenge parents to grow in their own faith life. In addition to offering suggested questions and topics of discussion for all twenty-four lessons, parents will find the Top Ten Catholic Questions, an appendix of classic Catholic prayers, and most importantly encouragement and tips on how to grow in their own faith as they witness the faith to their children.

#### **6. What about Confirmation sponsors? How should a candidate choose a sponsor and how does the program engage sponsors?**

A Confirmation sponsor can play a vital role in their candidate's journey—both in preparing for the sacrament and beyond. The very fact that a teen has chosen this person as his or her sponsor indicates a connection and respect that can be a great foundation to build upon. Candidates should be encouraged to consider someone with a vibrant faith life who would serve as a good role model in the Faith.

*Chosen* offers a comprehensive and dynamic Sponsor's Guide, which—like the

Parent's Guide—is designed to both provide the tools and information needed for sponsors to guide their candidate and to encourage and challenge sponsors to grow in their own faith. In addition to offering suggested conversation starters and tips on how to connect with their teen, sponsors will find the Top Ten Catholic Questions, an appendix of classic Catholic prayers, and encouragement and tips on how to grow in their own faith as they witness the faith to their candidate.

## **7. Is there an attendance policy?**

Teens participating in *Chosen* as a requirement for Confirmation must attend each session. However, we understand that from time to time important things can come up and it may not be possible to attend every session. If your teen is unable to attend a session for whatever reason we ask that he/she inform his/her small group leader as soon as possible. Too many unexcused absences may result in your teen not being able to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

