

## Pillars and Confirmation for Incoming Freshmen

The Pillar Program is the senior high program which is based around the four pillars of the Catholic faith—Prayer, Liturgy & Sacraments, Creed, and Morality. The new program consists of eight mini-courses, each of which is 4 weeks long during the freshman and sophomore school years. Also available is a summer Pillars program where four of the Pillars courses are taught in one intense week of classes and includes a day of service in the summers before the freshman and sophomore years of school. The Pillars is designed to give you Catholic knowledge and help prepare you for Confirmation.

Confirmation Prep is designed so that you can explore personal and communal faith inside a small community of your peers. It consists of a retreat in the fall of the sophomore year and six small group meetings during the school year. You are also asked to complete four interactions with your parents and sponsor during the year. In the spring there will be a day of reflection with parents and sponsors, including a reconciliation service, speakers, and you will receive details about the Confirmation mass.

<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Option 1: Summer Pillars</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pillars             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Summer One (2009)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>First year Pillars</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• One week in June (M-F)                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ June 15-19</li> <li>○ June 22-26</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 8:00-Noon</li> <li>• Includes one service day</li> <li>• Must attend all 5 days</li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Summer Two (2010)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <i>Second year Pillars</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul> </li> <li>• Confirmation Preparation (2010-2011)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retreat</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Six small group sessions</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b><u>Option 2: School Year</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pillars             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ First year Pillars (2009-2010)                 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ 16 weeks (in 4-week segments)</li> <li>▪ Wednesday, 7:30-9:00pm</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Second year Pillars (2010-2011)</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Confirmation Preparation (2010-2011)             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Retreat</li> <li>○ Six small group sessions</li> </ul> </li> </ul>		
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**\*\*Note: Because of program changes, this Pillar course is not the same as the current 10th grade Pillar course.\*\***