

## Pillars and Confirmation

St. Hubert's offers a two-year faith formation program for high school students, which culminates in the sacrament of Confirmation.

The foundation of the program is the Pillars Program, which is based around the four pillars of the Catholic faith – Creed, Morality, Liturgy & Sacraments, and Prayer. The four pillars are broken down into eight subjects. Pillars 1 covers Christology, Ecclesiology, Hot Topics & Social Justice. Pillars 2 covers Old and New Testament Scripture, Pastoral Liturgy, and Christian Life. By covering the four pillars of our faith, the students will learn the knowledge and practice the concepts necessary to live a Christian life.

There are two options available for the Pillars Program: summer or school-year. In the school-year option, students will attend 16 Wednesday night classes throughout the year. For the summer option, the classes are grouped together into one busy week (5 days, roughly one subject per day). Pillars 1 is usually taken as a 9<sup>th</sup> grader or in the summer before freshman year. Pillars 2 is usually taken as a 10<sup>th</sup> grader or in the summer before sophomore year (it is possible to do both Pillars 1 and 2 in the summer preceding 10<sup>th</sup> grade, if necessary).

While the Pillars Program is more informative, Confirmation Prep is about experience and understanding. In the small group meetings and retreats, students will talk about their faith, confront questions or doubts, and grow in their relationship with God and each other. The strength of this part of the program lies in peer ministry and personal relations. If Pillars is the “head” of the program, Confirmation Prep is the “heart.” In addition to the retreat and group meetings, students will also interact with their sponsors and attend a final Confirmation Prep meeting with their parents in the spring.

<b>1<sup>st</sup> YEAR</b>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pillars 1: School Option</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 16 weeks (in 4-week segments)</li> <li>● Wednesdays, 7:30-9:00 PM</li> <li>● Runs from Sept. to March</li> <li>● Cover one subject per 4-week block</li> <li>● Must attend all subjects &amp; topics</li> </ul>	<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Pillars 1: Summer Option</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● One week in June (Mon.-Fri.)</li> <li>● Either AM (8:00-Noon) or PM (1:00-5:00)</li> <li>● Summer 2012 weeks: (choose one)                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- June 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup></li> <li>- June 18<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup></li> </ul> </li> <li>● Cover one subject per day</li> <li>● Also includes a service or reflection day</li> <li>● Must attend all 5 days</li> </ul>

## 2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR

### Pillars 2: School Option

*See details & dates under  
Pillars 1: School Option*

### Pillars 2: Summer Option

*See details & dates under  
Pillars 1: Summer Option*

### Confirmation Preparation

- 6 Discussion Group meetings
  - Choose either Sunday afternoons or Wednesday evenings
  - Meet once or twice a month (depending on option chosen)
- 1 Confirmation Retreat (choose from available fall & winter dates)
- Sponsor & at-home interactions (including Saint Name form)
- Final Confirmation Meeting w/parents & sponsors
- Confirmation Mass (2011-2012 class will be Confirmed on April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012)