

**TRI-PARISHES OF BROCKTON RELIGIOUS EDUCATION
PROGRAM - Christ the King, Our Lady of Lourdes and Saint Edith
Stein Parishes
Grade 1 through Grade 10 – FIRST COMMUNION THROUGH
CONFIRMATION**

Students (**Grade 1 through Grade 10**) gather weekly for class and are expected to attend **Mass**. Classes are held at the 3 individual parishes for grades 1-8. **Confirmation classes for grades 9 and 10** are held at **Saint Edith Stein and Our Lady of Lourdes**. **Children's Liturgy of the Word** for grades 1-4 is held during the 10:00 AM Mass each week at **Christ the King and Our Lady of Lourdes**. It is held monthly at **Saint Edith Stein**.

The **Confirmation Program-** is a two year preparation program; **students must register in grade 9 (Confirmation I) and grade 10 (Confirmation II)**. Students have two choices of when and where to attend classes. The classes meet on Sundays from **5:00 PM – 6:30 PM at Saint Edith Stein Parish, 631 North Main St. Brockton or they may choose to attend Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 433 West St. Brockton on Thursdays from 6:00 to 7:00 PM**. Once per month both groups meet on a Sunday at 5:00 PM for a Teen Mass which is required and meets on a rotated schedule at each of the 3 churches in the collaborative.

GRADE 1 THROUGH GRADE 6 PROGRAM

The program material we use is offered in different levels from **Grade 1 through Grade 6** and is the *Sadlier WE BELIVE Catholic Identity Series*. The *We Believe Program* helps young disciples learn, live, and hope in the Good News of Jesus Christ! It is a proven, faithful, and dynamic program.

GRADE 7 AND 8 PROGRAM

The program material for this level is **Finding God – Our Response to God's Gifts by Loyola Press**. It is a Faith Formation Program that **fosters a lifelong relationship with God** by engaging young people in the full and authentic teachings of the Catholic Church. Seventh and eighth graders face many important decisions-about school, friends, interests they want to pursue, and about their faith. This program reaches young people where they are in this critical stage of their lives and provides in-depth support for teachers, catechists, and parents. The life of Jesus Christ and the authentic teachings of the Catholic Church are presented and explored in an age-appropriate manner, encouraging lifelong disciples of Jesus Christ.

FIRST RECONCILIATION AND FIRST EUCHARIST

First Reconciliation (Penance) and First Communion (Eucharist) is a two-year preparation program; children must register in grade 1 and in grade 2. Parents simply set aside time to read and explore the We Believe chapters with the children each week as they are brought home from class. This type of interaction between parents and children helps parents to form their children in the faith. The children's prayer sheet is another useful tool for parents. **The sacrament of First Reconciliation (Penance) is received in the winter months and the sacrament of First Eucharist (Holy Communion) is received in May for these children.**

GRADES NINE THROUGH TEN - CONFIRMATION

Confirmation is a two year preparation period and students must register for grade 9 and grade 10 in order to receive Confirmation in the spring of Grade 10. These students meet for class weekly on Sundays or Thursdays. They also have a required Teen Mass each month.

The Confirmation Program uses the same materials for **Grade 9 – Confirmation I** and **Grade 10 - Confirmation II**. The program is **The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth by Saint Mary's Press**. It is an understandable and down-to-earth guide to all things Catholic. This book is good whether you are brushing up on specific Catholic terms and concepts or learning them for the first time. The program is in Conformity with the Catechism of the Catholic Church (U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops).

The Sacrament of Confirmation is conferred in the spring (April) of the student's sophomore year (Grade 10). There is also a mandatory retreat for grade 10 in the later part of the program.

RCIA FOR CHILDREN – Rite of Christian Initiation and Special Sacrament Programs – classes meet on Wednesday late afternoon. These programs are for 1) children over age 7 that have not been baptized, 2) children baptized in a different faith but now interested in the Catholic Faith, 3) children over age 7 that have been baptized Catholic but have not received the sacraments of Reconciliation, Eucharist, and Confirmation, and 4) a child with special needs that has a desire to join their peers in the life of the church. Call Sister Ann Boland at 508-587-4715 to sign your child up for these programs.

For any other questions and concerns, please contact the Religious Education Coordinator listed below at your parish/church.

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