

Social Issues Project Guidelines

The last year confirmation classes will be about contemporary social issues presented by you and your findings. We expect every social issue to be a presentation of 15 - 20 minutes as a group. You will be working in a team. Determine your group leader and share the best contact information for each other. Please make every effort to support each other. This is a new experience for everyone! Cooperation is key!

There will be 6 Contemporary Moral issues: Abortion, End of Life, Human Stem Cell Research and Cloning, Immigration, Islam, and Same-Sex Marriage. This is what we would like to see addressed :

- Where does the Church stand? All links are found on our website under Faith Formation / Confirmation. Please scroll down.
- Popular examples of this issue.
- What does contemporary media say?
 - Radio, social media, TV, magazines
- What do your friends believe, or comment?
- How does your family feel?
- What are your personal thoughts? Your Sponsor?
- Solutions? Are there ways to be proactive that are effective?
- Give your audience a summary of the main points covered.
- Have a survey ready to hand out to your audience to see how they feel on the topic presented. Tally the results and report findings.

Please look at this as an interesting informational assignment. There is no judgement on the findings that are presented. Yes, everyone in the group needs to know where the Catholic Church stands on their issue and why. You should find that clearly stated in the materials that I have handed you. This assignment worked out really well last year and we expect that it will have the same effect this year.

The group needs to present to the entire Confirmation class. Everyone in the group should have a particular focal point on the issue that you have been assigned. Above, we have listed some ideas; you may want to add some of your own. This is a group effort. It will be the job of the leader that you agreed upon to organize your group. Be familiar with all the information, and directly communicate with us. Everyone needs to participate and be ready to present in one of the beginning 3 classes next year. We will assign the groups to each class day. We have a smart TV with an HDMI hookup if you need access for a powerpoint, or video clip. Yes, you can use iPhones.

Sincerely, the Confirmation Team