



St. Matthew's Church Confirmation Class Summer Assignment

June 11, 2008

Dear Confirmand:

Greetings and happy summer! As I mentioned to you at the orientation meeting some weeks ago, we expect you to complete several assignments this summer. Here they are:

1. Pick out and *purchase your own Bible*. Borders bookstore in Mt. Kisco has a good selection. There are many translations, so spend some time reviewing them and buy the one you like best.
2. Read one from each group of the following selections from the Bible:

Group One

Genesis, chapter 1 – 28
Genesis, chapter 29 – 50
The Books of Ruth and Esther and Amos

Group Two

The Gospel According to Matthew
The Gospel According to Mark and the Letter to the Hebrews

3. Write an essay paper of at least 400 words about your Bible readings. I've included a student's essay from a previous year so that you may understand what is expected. Answer the following questions in your essay:

Which person did you like with the most? Why?
What two questions about faith, religion and God did this reading bring to mind?
Which verse, story, or parable did you like with the most and why?
After reading a Gospel, how has your view of Jesus changed?

4. Take and pass a Bible test. Let me emphasize this, if you complete the assigned readings with care and purpose, you will pass the test. If by chance you fail the test, you will have an opportunity to still be in this year's class. We encourage you to take the test early this summer.
5. Pick a sponsor (see the attached information)

As soon as you have finished with your assignments, please contact me or Mrs. Wyper to make an appointment to take your test and hand in your material. You need to complete your assignments and pass the test in order to go on the Confirmation Retreat which is Sept. 6th – 7th. If you have any questions, please contact me.