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How do we keep kids Catholic after Confirmation?

Remarkable new program prepares teens for a life of discipleship

ATLANTA, Feb. 3, 2014 – Teenagers are leaving the Church and many are abandoning their faith altogether. For most Catholic teens, Confirmation is effectively “Graduation,” something they just “have to do.” With nearly 75 percent of young Catholics abandoning their faith in their twenties, the Church simply must do a better job at youth catechesis.

Chosen: Your Journey Toward Confirmation is a remarkable new Confirmation preparation program that specifically addresses the challenge of transforming the way we pass along the precious gift of the Catholic Faith to the next generation.

Chosen takes teens on a journey through Catholicism, with the goal being nothing short of winning over their hearts and minds — and keeping them firmly planted within the Church.

Chris Stefanick, ***Chosen***’s author and lead presenter, is one of the most influential figures in teen ministry in the United States. His many years working with young people resulted in a powerful vision of a program that would truly speak to their needs and challenge them to a life of discipleship.

As Stefanick explains, “I needed to prepare them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation but also catechize and challenge teens to fully embrace a life in Christ ... to become the disciples they were called to be and that the Church and the world needs them to be.”

After five years of planning and consultation with some of the most gifted catechists and youth evangelists in the country, the result is unlike anything available in the Church today.

“Teens who experience ***Chosen*** will find themselves drawn deeply into the beauty of Catholicism and the love of Jesus Christ,” said Most Reverend Charles J. Chaput, O.F.M. Cap., Archbishop of Philadelphia. “In a world searching for meaning, ***Chosen*** speaks to the hearts and minds of our youth through comprehensive materials and engaging videos taught by an

impressive array of presenters. This is a new level of catechesis that uses modern methods to transmit eternal truths.”

Filmed on location throughout the U.S. and internationally — from Times Square to St. Peter’s Square — *Chosen* is visually stunning. It is engagingly paced to keep teens’ interest with the right balance of faith, fun, and powerful videos, delivered by a team whose expertise, dynamic personalities, and passion for the faith will both inspire and motivate teens. This team includes: Jackie Francois Angel, Brian Butler, Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers, the Dominican Sisters of St. Cecilia (Nashville Dominicans), Jason Evert, Chris Padgett, Fr. Mike Schmitz, Sarah Swafford, Fr. Mark Toups and Mary Ann Weisinger.

To see the *Chosen* trailer and to learn how this comprehensive learning experience integrates video and workbook lessons, as well as how the materials for leaders, parents, and sponsors are seamlessly incorporated into this dynamic program, visit: **ConfirmationStudy.com**.

To request a full media review kit, or to schedule an interview with Chris Stefanick, please contact Kevin Wandra of Carmel Communications: 404-788-1276 or kwandra@carmelcommunications.com.

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