

Confirmation 2021-2022 Program

Welcome! I am so excited to be going through this process with you and your student. Below you will find information about the Sacrament of Confirmation and then our program along with requirements and responsibilities.

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Confirmation: A sacrament of initiation that enriches the baptized with the strength of the Holy Spirit so that they can be a better witness to Christ in word and deed (CCC, no. 1285).

- Video: www.youtube.com/watch?app=desktop&v=Lu3MoT_egFI
- Additional Resources: seattlearchmedia.weebly.com/confirmation.html

When? In the Archdiocese of Seattle students can receive the Sacrament of confirmation in 7th grade or at the equivalent age.

Why?

- Young people experience challenges and trials at a much younger age
- Equips our young people with the gifts of the Holy Spirit they need to advance through adolescence into adulthood.
- Candidates are not engaged in high school demands and activities, giving more time for Sacramental Preparation.
- Helps avoid the “graduation” mentality often associated with Confirmation
 - Confirmation is **NOT** a graduation.
- Allows students to “live out” their Confirmation through various ministries in the parishes during their high school years.
- Increases the number of students receiving confirmation

This change to 7th grade happened in 2019 with the goal of having all parishes move their prep to 7th grade by 2022-2023 school year. We are on our way to this as I will be offering prep for all 7th graders and up this year. If you would like to read more about the changes and polices check out this Link: archseattle.org/for-parishes/faith-formation/age-of-confirmation-revision/

Our Program

Goal:

- Expand on previous catechesis, focusing on key aspects: The Creed, The Sacraments of Initiation, The Holy Spirit, Confirmation, Vocations, Prayer, Engagement in Parish Life, The Call to Holiness, and being sent forth as a disciple.

Program:

- Classes: Days and Times to be announced.
 - I am looking at Sunday Afternoons or a weekday evening
- Consist of lessons from Decision Point and supplemental lessons to expand on topics and cover additional topics
- Service opportunities
- Retreats:
 - Hunger Retreat, March 5th
 - A day retreat in April or May
- Confirmation Mass: TBA
 - We will be combining with Cabrini and our date will be in April or May.

Decision Point:

- A Program from Dynamic Catholic consisting of 12 lesson. Uses a workbook and 72 short videos to teach and engage student in discussions.
- Videos and Workbook are available online we will have paper copies for all students.
- Email program available to sponsors and parents
 - Covers the same information in smaller portions through 2 emails a week
 - Allows you to:
 - Engage in meaningful discussions
 - Enrich your own journey
- <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/program-view/>

Supplemental Lessons:

- Sacraments
- Vocations
- Catholic Social Teaching
- Other questions that come up throughout the year.

Requirements and Responsibilities

Requirements of Students:

- Registered – **Paperwork Due December 3rd**
- Received all previous sacraments:
 - Annotated baptismal certificate: **Due December 3rd**
 - Comes from church of record where you were baptized.
 - If you were baptized at Bosco just indicate on the form, we have the info.
 - If not you contact the church you were baptized at and request an annotated baptismal certificate.
- Choose a Confirmation Name: **Due December 3rd**
 - A saint you look up to
 - I will be covering this in a lesson if you have any questions.
- Choose a sponsor: **Due December 3rd**
 - Qualities:
 - Catholic and active in the faith and received all initiation sacraments
 - Comfortable with and not afraid to ask difficult questions
 - Supportive, especially in difficult times
 - Not a parent
 - Canon Law prohibits a Parent to serve as sponsor for their own child
 - Need to fill out a Registration Form and send in a copy of an Annotated Baptismal Certificate – **Due January 7th**

Responsibilities of Student:

- Participate fully in program:
 - Attend classes
 - Attend service opportunities
 - Attend retreats
 - Hunger Retreat
 - Day Retreat
 - Participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation
 - Attend youth group (encouraged)
 - Attend practices and Confirmation
- Schedule and Participate in a Confirmation Interview
- Communicate with parents and sponsors
- Pray!

Responsibilities of Parents and Sponsors:

- Be sure all paperwork is turned in on time
- Be an Example
- Support students
- Be a good listener
- Pray for and with students
- Additional resources:
 - <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/parents-and-sponsors>