

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish
Confirmation Program
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Dear Parents:

Many thanks for your partnership during your teen's first year of the Confirmation process. Your teen now is approaching the second and final year of Confirmation preparation. The Confirmation Team and I look forward to continuing to work closely with you and your family, as we journey together towards the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Our first year Confirmation Program will continue with our mandatory retreat on 4/7/19 and other scheduled events this spring, as per the calendar. Please note that registration for the second year of the program is contingent upon completion of all first year requirements. Once we officially wrap up the first year calendar, we encourage your teen to remain active in liturgy, parish life, and SPARK Teen Ministry during the summer months.

Looking ahead, Confirmation small group sessions will resume in the fall and will meet as per your teen's current schedule. Sunday evening small group sessions will continue to run from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Our Monday evening sessions will now meet from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm. Kindly note this change and advise if this presents any problems. Your teen's small group, classroom, and catechist assignment will remain the same as in the first year, unless otherwise notified. A full calendar will be finalized in the coming months and will be emailed to you in late summer. During the second year, we will have less small group sessions, so only **one** absence will be excused. If your son or daughter misses two or more small group meetings, all missed sessions will require make-up sessions with Fr. Stan.

Confirmation is tentatively scheduled for February 15, 2020. Our mandatory second year retreat will be scheduled in mid-January; a separate retreat form and payment will be collected in the fall.

I have attached the Notice of Confirmation, which doubles as your teen's registration form for the second year of the program. Please complete the entire form, leaving only the "Candidate's Confirmation Date" and "Confirmed By" fields blank. Kindly complete this form carefully and neatly. The Notice of Confirmation not only will be retained at St. Elizabeth's, but also will be forwarded to the church of your child's baptism.

The registration fee for the second year of the program again will be \$60. Checks may be made payable to *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish*.

Your teen's **Confirmation name** is very important and should be that of a saint. Kindly have your teen complete the attached form after prayerful consideration. Your teen may opt not to choose a Confirmation name; if so, please indicate "no name" on the form. If this is the case, we will use his or her Baptismal (or first) name. All Confirmation names must be approved by the Bishop, so please encourage your teen to seriously consider this choice.

Please also help your teen to prayerfully select his or her **sponsor**. Sponsor guidelines are attached, along with a sponsor certificate. Each sponsor must have the attached certificate signed/sealed by his or her current parish. We cannot accept a sponsor without this verification. Please remember that your teen's sponsor must be a fully initiated and practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church. According to Canon Law, the sponsor cannot be the candidate's parent.

At this time, your son or daughter should be hard at work at the required 30 service hours. If you have any questions regarding your teen's hours, please contact me. The tracking sheet is updated monthly and posted on

the bulletin board in the church vestibule. A total of 30 hours must be completed by **January 1, 2020**. At least 15 of the 30 hours must be parish hours, although all 30 hours may be completed on the parish level. Please encourage your teen to submit tickets to the box on the Confirmation table promptly, so that we may credit his or her fantastic work! Once teens have completed 30 hours, we encourage them to continue to submit tickets, as we do have a competition for the teen with the most service hours!

The completed Notice of Confirmation form, registration fee of \$60, sponsor certificate, and Confirmation name form should be returned together to the Confirmation mailbox by June 1, 2019. Please do not send in these materials without the sponsor certificate.

As always, if you have any questions or if I may be of assistance, please feel free to contact me via email at confirmation@stelizabethschurch.org or via telephone at 201-407-6995. Thank you for your support and continued partnership in Christ. May God bless you and your families in abundance!

Yours in Christ,

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