



CONFIRMATION

2016

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and
kindle in them the fire of your love.
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct
the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy
Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His
consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake
Religious Education

YEAR 1



CONFIRMATION

Welcome to Confirmation! What an exciting time!

Over the next two years you will be working on requirements to bring you closer in faith. I hope you use these next two years to bravely open your hearts and minds and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. I pray that your light shines brightly in a dim world.

Do not be afraid!

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SPECIFICATIONS

Confirmation is broken into two years. Year 1 will be focused on religious education. This will be easy - just show up for class. There will be three Confirmation focused classes this year (highlighted on the calendar in red) You cannot be absent from Confirmation focused classes. You cannot have more than two absences a semester from RE class. Before you can move to Year 2 you must choose a sponsor, saint, and turn in all forms on time.

Year 2 will continue to focus on religious education, but we will break away from the main group and have an eight week Confirmation focused class for those who have fulfilled all requirements. No absences from the Confirmation weeks. Additionally in Year 2 you will need to complete your service hours and an interview.

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be in high school and at least 14 years old.
- Candidate must willing of own accord to be confirmed in the church.
- Candidate must have been enrolled in religious education program for at least two years prior (7th/8th grade RE or Catholic school). If candidate was not enrolled in two years of prior RE please contact Eileen Wickham (eileenwickham@gmail.com) to determine eligibility.
- Candidate must attend two years of religious formation through the High School RE program with no more than two absences per semester.
- Candidate must attend an 8 week Confirmation class – must attend all eight classes.
- Candidate should participate in Mass on Sundays and more often if the opportunity presents itself.
- Candidate must choose a Confirmation sponsor meeting all guidelines and is required to have their sponsor return a Confirmation Sponsor Covenant.
- Candidate must turn in a copy of Baptism and Communion certificates.
- Candidate must chose a saint name and write a saint report.
- Candidate must complete 20 hours of service.
- Candidates must have an interview with Father Don, one of the deacons, or one of the HS RE adults.
- Candidate must attend at least one retreat provided by the RE department.
- In order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation all requirements must be met by specified dates.

It will be the candidate's responsibility to complete all requirements on time.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS

A Confirmation sponsor's role is to encourage the faith of the candidate. A sponsor should be an example to your Confirmation candidate and to reflect with the candidate on the meaning of a life of Catholic discipleship.

The Code of the Canon Law specifies the requirements for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation (Canon 893) are the same as those for Godparents at Baptism (Canon 874): you may not be the parent of the person being Confirmed, you must be at least 16 years old, you must be fully initiated in the church, if married – a valid Catholic marriage, and live a life of active faith in the Catholic Church.

CONFIRMATION LETTER

Candidates should come to class prepared to write a letter asking the person they have chosen to be their sponsor and explain why they are preparing for Confirmation. Please bring address for the sponsor you have chosen.

CONFIRMATION SPONSOR COVENANT FORM

Sponsor must fill out and return Confirmation Sponsor Covenant. You can find a copy of the form in this packet. If you need a new one please contact Michael Urtado.

RETREAT REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must attend a retreat sponsored by St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake.

CONFIRMATION SAINT

All candidates will choose a patron saint. Bishop Vasquez will call you by your saint name at Confirmation so it is important that you chose a saint that has a special meaning for you.

So, how do you chose a saint? Some people chose the saint they were named after. Some chose a family favorite. Or, maybe think about something you like and chose the patron saint for that. For example, are you really into soccer? Then you might choose St. Luigi Scrosoppi. Are thinking about becoming a veterinarian? Then you might choose St. Martin De Porres.

You should take some time to read about the saints, talk to family about the saints they like or chose for Confirmation, and start to discover these Catholic superheroes.

And, of course, PRAY! Pray that you are lead to the saint that will have a great influence on your life.

We will devote one class to helping choose a saint, but this should be something you, as a Confirmation candidate, pursue on your own.

SAINT REPORT

REQUIREMENTS

- The saint report should be no fewer than two paragraphs.
- Must include full name of your saint. For example, if you chose St. William there are about a dozen or more St. Williams. You would need to specify St. William of York. This is true for ALL saints.
- Explain what your saint is patron of, if anything.
- Include your saint's feast day.
- Include a brief synopsis of your saint's life.
- Tell about some miracles that your saint preformed.
- Most important tell why you chose the saint you did.
- If you can find a picture, include that with your report.

SERVICE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must complete 24 hours of service.
- Service must be done in Christ-like manner, with prayerful and loving spirit.
- Only service performed within the two year Confirmation preparation will be counted toward hours needed to be Confirmed.
- Candidate cannot be paid for service.
- Parent must sign service hours.

BREAKDOWN OF SERVICE HOURS

Spiritual Experience Hours = 4 hours

This would include participating in DCYC, Godstock, a Pro-Life Rally, or Adoration.

Church Service Hours = 10 hours

This would include volunteering at church events such as altar serving, Oktoberfest, Family Picnic, RE classes, and VBS.

Community Service Hours = 10 hours

This would include mowing the lawn for an older couple, working in a soup kitchen, making rosaries for orphanages, or volunteering with an organization.

HOURS WILL NOT BE DUE UNTIL YEAR 2!