



SACRED HEART PARISH CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

- Registration** – For the Confirmation and/or SOURCE faith formation Programs were **due by the first Session**. All registration paperwork and calendars were made available online on SHG’s Youth Ministry website AND at the Orientation meetings.
- Attend one (1) Orientation Meeting** – Orientations were held in September & October
- Attend two (2) years of High School faith formation** – The Archdiocese of Baltimore requires that Students must either attend a parochial school OR attend two (2) years of High School Faith Formation through SHG’s SOURCE program in preparation for the sacrament of Confirmation. Confirmation usually takes place in the Sophomore year.
- Attend All 7 Classes for Confirmation** – Designated Sundays 6:30 – 8:30 PM.
- Attend Rite of Acceptance at 5:00PM Mass** – Sunday, October 25, 2020.
- Choose a sponsor and submit the Sponsor Form** –Form are due by Sunday, October 25, 2019. Sponsors will be sent information and an invitation to the sponsor candidate retreat.
- Sign Up For Life Teen Purpose Confirmation Program** - An Invitation to all parents and students will be sent later this week with instruction on how to sign up. The invitation is only open for 2 weeks once it is sent, so please sign up as soon as you can.
- Complete at least ten (10) Service Hours** – This service is in the spirit of our Church’s Catholic Social Teaching, and should be direct service to those in need and along the lines of the Corporeal Works of Mercy. This would include, but is not necessarily limited to...
 - **feed the hungry • house the homeless • give drink to the thirsty •**
 - **visit the sick • clothe the naked • visit the captive •**If service and location do not meet the guidelines as stated above, approval for service must be obtained by Susan Lea prior to date of service.

If all 10 hours cannot be completed prior to December, it can be broken down throughout the year....5 hours due in December and 5 hours due in April.
- Attend Sponsor/Candidate Retreat** – Saturday, January 16, 2021 from 9AM-Noon. Invitations will be sent to you and your sponsors.

- Choose a Confirmation Name** – this form will be distributed at Session 2 and may be completed prior to the start of Confirmation program, but must be completed and returned by January 24, 2021. Due date will be on the form and on the calendar.
- Attend one (1) Candidate ONLY Retreat** – Saturday, February 13, 2021 OR Sunday, February 28th, 2021 – to be held at the Msgr. O’Dwyer Retreat House in Sparks, MD, from 9:00AM until 7:00PM. You selected your retreat preference on your Confirmation information Form
- Write a Letter to the Bishop** – Instructions are in a letter from the Bishop and will be distributed and explained thoroughly at Confirmation Session #3. Letter must be typewritten, signed (not typed), put in an envelope addressed to the Bishop we are assigned and given to the Youth Ministry Office before March 31, 2021. This letter should NOT be addressed and mailed to the Bishop.
- Choose and Attend Interview** – candidate must choose a 20-25 min. interview date (choice from 2-3 dates). The sign-up for an interview (on a first-come, first-served basis) will take place in March and the Interviews will take place mid-April.
- Attend the Confirmation Practice** – this practice is on the Friday night prior to Confirmation. Practice must be attended by candidate with their sponsor (or parent if sponsor is out of town). Practice starts at 7:00PM in the Main Church, and ends approximately at 9:00PM.
- Sacrament of Confirmation and Arrival Time** – Sacred Heart’s Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation will be on one of 3 Saturday’s in May, Time TBA. Candidates and their sponsors will need to plan on arriving at SHG’s School Gym Lobby two (2) hours prior the Mass. This will allow us to make sure everyone has arrived (w/ sponsor), go over last-minute instructions, have a discussion and group picture taken with the Bishop and SHG clergy, and line-up for the procession into the Main Church.

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