



## 2017 – 2018 Confirmation Preparation Program

### Archdiocesan Criteria and Guidelines

Candidates are responsible for knowledge of various aspects of their faith, including the 10 Commandments, the Creed, the Beatitudes, and Scripture. They are responsible for knowledge about the sacrament of Confirmation, the rite and rituals, its relationship to Baptism and Eucharist, the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and the role of the Holy Spirit in the Church and in their lives. They must participate in and reflect on the meaning of service as an essential dimension of Christian discipleship. They must participate in a Confirmation retreat experience. Finally, they must make an examination of conscience and have the opportunity and encouragement to celebrate the sacrament of Reconciliation.

### **Confirmation (Juniors and Seniors)**

**The student must have completed 2 years of regular faith formation (Life Teen) or be taking year 2 of faith formation concurrently at this or another parish or attending a Catholic high school.**

- **Must turn in a copy of their baptismal certificate upon registering for Confirmation program or if baptized at St. Anne we need the month and year of baptism date.**
- Must Choose a **Confirmation sponsor** by our Rite of Enrollment (September 17, 2017) and turn in the appropriate sponsor covenant.
- Must attend the **Rite of Enrollment Ceremony and kickoff evening on Sunday, September 17, 2017 with sponsor or a parent.**
- Confirmation candidates must attend **4 mandatory preparation sessions** (with their sponsor or parent if sponsor cannot attend). Session dates and times listed below.
- Candidates need to have performed **at least thirty (30) community service hours** – at least 10 hours with us here at the parish by April 15, 2018 and turned in form.
- Choose a **Confirmation name** by February 2018
- Attend the **Confirmation Retreat** on February 2-4, 2018. If they have not attended a retreat in the previous 2 years they must attend our fall retreat in October as well.
- **Confirmation students must complete essay questions** which can be found to the left under documents. These questions are meant to reflect on some of the important aspects of Confirmation and the journey the Confirmandi area on. These questions are due by April 15, 2018.
- Participate in a **Confirmation Exit Interview** to be scheduled between the last class and the Confirmation Mass. Sign-ups for interviews will be found at [www.signupgenius.com](http://www.signupgenius.com) beginning March 2018.

### **2017-2018 CONFIRMATION SESSIONS & IMPORTANT DATES**

This year we are beginning our Confirmation Super Saturdays which means we will only have 4 sessions in the program which will be held on the following Saturdays. Confirmandi can only miss 1 session in the event of an illness or if some other conflict arises that is absolutely unchangeable. If a session is missed, there will be makeup material to review and complete before the next session.

Sunday, September 17, 2017	Rite of Enrollment and Kickoff	3:45pm
Saturday, September 23, 2017	SESSION 1	9am-1pm
Saturday, November 11, 2017	SESSION 2	9am-1pm
Saturday, January 20, 2018	SESSION 3	9am-1pm
February 2-4, 2018	CONFIRMATION RETREAT	Camp Kappe
Saturday, March 24, 2018	SESSION 4	9am-1pm
May 2018	CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL	TBA
May 2018	CONFIRMATION MASS	TBA

## **Preparation Sessions**

*Preparation for Confirmation should aim at leading the Christian toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit – his action, his gifts, and his bidding – in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life. To this end catechesis for Confirmation should strive to awaken a sense of belonging to the Church of Jesus Christ, the universal Church as well as the parish community. CCC:1309*

Attendance at all Confirmation preparation sessions is **mandatory!** If a student is absent, they will be responsible for making up the class. If a student will not be able to make a class, advance notice is required. **ONLY ONE SESSION PER YEAR MAY BE MADE UP!** If a teen is absent twice in one year, they will have to make up the entire year!

## **Sponsors – need to be chosen by Sept. 17, 2017 and sponsor covenant turned in.**

Sponsors represent, in a personal way, the witness and support of the parish community. Sponsors should be mature persons of faith who are highly convinced that their faith makes a difference in their lives. They must be at least 16 years old, already confirmed, not impeded in fully participating in the sacraments (if married, must be a valid catholic marriage) and cannot be the father or mother (or step-parent). The choice should ideally belong to the candidate. It is their opportunity to choose someone who models the gifts of the Spirit and the life of a faithful Catholic. It is preferred that the sponsor be someone with whom the candidate can have frequent face-to-face contact.

## **Service Requirement**

The call to service is good as long as the candidates know why that call is asked of them. Service should be an intentional part of Christian formation from the time of one's Baptism until one's death. What makes it unique during Confirmation formation is that it generates more of an intentional process whereby the candidates can identify, develop, and place his or her gifts and talents at the service of others. It should demonstrate the close relationship between faith and actions.

Candidates are required to perform at least 30 service hours over the course of confirmation preparation – at least 10 hours must be done with the parish. We will be offering many service opportunities here at St. Anne through the Youth Ministry Office. Service experiences will be announced at Life Nights, Confirmation sessions, will be listed in the Sunday Bulletin, and will be posted on the Youth Ministry Web site. ([www.stanneym.com](http://www.stanneym.com)). Confirmation students should use the forms provided to keep track of their service experiences.

## **Confirmation 2 Retreat – February 2-4, 2018 @ Camp Kappe**

Candidates are required to attend a Confirmation Retreat during their Confirmation preparation year after doing a year one basic retreat such as the Fall Retreat or a summer conference. An additional permission form and retreat fee will be required. Retreat forms will be ready by December. If there is a conflict, teens may attend another Confirmation Retreat offered by another parish. I can give you names of several other churches which will be having confirmation retreats but it will be up to you to contact them to see if you can join them.

## **Confirmation Essay**

Candidates must complete the essay questions which helps review the important aspects related to confirmation. These questions will be available during our confirmation sessions or at [www.stanneym.com](http://www.stanneym.com) under High School & Confirmation. These reports must be completed and turned in by April 15, 2018. More details will be given during the year.

## **Confirmation Interviews**

Candidates will participate in a Confirmation Interview with the youth minister or an adult volunteer. This is not a test, but an opportunity to assess where the candidate is at during the final weeks of preparation. Interviews will be scheduled between the last session and the Confirmation Mass.

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