

CONFIRMATION EXPECTATIONS

PRE-REQUISITE: Faith Formation and or Youth Ministry participation in the first year.

Teen Confirmation Preparation is a two year process for 7th -12th graders: the first year consisting of faith formation in Catalyst or Axiom Programs at the Parish, or Catholic School; the second year requires an orientation in October for immediate confirmation preparation, and four classes which the parents and teens attend. There is also a day retreat as well as ten additional events or activities which help to support the life of St. Mark's Catholic Community. Registration forms for Confirmation need to be attached to a faith formation registration form which is in the turnstile lobby.

Candidates

- Attend all meetings in order to receive an immediate Confirmation preparation to understand the Rite of Confirmation and its essential elements regarding Catholic Teaching.

Oct 2 (Orientation) ___ Nov 6 class #1 ___ Dec 4 class #2 ___ Jan 22 class #3 ___

Feb 26 Retreat ___ (3:30-8:30pm with Mass) March ___ no class April 22 class #4 ___

May ___?___ Confirmation Date to be announced once Bishop schedules date by February 1

- Sign together with a parent the Candidate Covenant at the Orientation October 2. We will need to have all forms in for Commitment Sunday Welcoming Rite (date to be determined) at all the weekend Masses.
- Candidates will be interviewed through a written document and confirmation registration form, and followed up in person, if deemed necessary by Wendy
- Attend another 10 or more AXIOM (Youth Ministry) events or participate in other events that enable the candidate to experience the **life and support of the parish**. Apologetic Classes, Vacation Bible School, ministry training and service opportunities, ICYC, parish retreats, etc. will all count towards the ten credit requirement for confirmation reception. please see list of previously approved opportunities. Report on Candidate's interest/participation in parish life is due November 6 and the final participation record kept by the candidate is due March 18.
- Choose a sponsor and provide his/her name and phone number to your teacher or to Wendy by the November 6th meeting.
- Choose a Confirmation Name and provide this name to your teacher or Wendy by the Dec 4th meeting.
- Attend the Retreat on Feb 26 (3:30-6pm, followed by Mass, followed by dinner, XLT and adoration until 8:30pm). Other retreats are encouraged, especially the Idaho Catholic Youth Convention (ICYC) held at Bishop Kelly High School sponsored by the diocese, but they do not substitute for the confirmation retreat which is confirmation specific.
- Complete a Community Service project (2hours or more) and prepare a written report prior to Confirmation. This project & completed report form is due no later than March 18.
- Candidate should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation prior to Confirmation. Reconciliation services are held during Advent, Lent, and at the ICYC. The Sacrament may also be received on Saturdays at 3:30pm p.m. at St. Mark's before the 5pm Mass.
- Prepare a letter to the Bishop explaining why you wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. A sample outline will be provided. These are due to Wendy by March 18 for forwarding to the Bishop as a group. Do not send your letter to the Bishop separately.
- Final Report (Ten Event Credits) on Participation in Parish Life due by March 18
- Candidates and their sponsors will be interviewed (at least through writing) before last class on April 22
- Catholic School 8th graders will give their reports to Mrs. Souza who will then submit documents to Wendy Sleisher

Parents

- Attend the Orientation meeting October 2 and sign the Candidate Covenant for Commitment Sunday Welcoming Rite (date to be determined)
- Attend the Confirmation classes; participate in small discussion groups with other parents.
- See that a qualified Sponsor (16 yrs or older, confirmed Catholic, practicing their faith and a good role model and guide for the candidate) is selected by November 6th and communication is occurring regularly. Sponsors should receive a sponsor guide provided by Wendy to the candidates and are welcome and encouraged to come to classes if they are able. They would be expected to sit with their candidates and join in the their candidates' small group discussion.
- Engage in faith sharing activities with your candidate and stay in communication with Wendy
- See that the Catholic School 8th graders give their reports to Mrs. Souza who will then submit documents to Wendy Sleisher for credit.