



Confirmation Preparation Process Year ONE

HOLY SPIRIT CATHOLIC CHURCH

Goal

Our parish confirmation preparation process is designed to help our young people come to a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in our lives and in the life of the Church, and to a deeper appreciation of how being open to the presence and action of the Holy Spirit in our lives can draw us closer into relationship with our Lord, Jesus.

Prerequisites for Confirmation Year ONE (all completed before the first session)

- Celebrated First Sacraments

Each candidate must have celebrated their Baptism, First Eucharist, and First Reconciliation in the Catholic Church.

- Completed Annual Confirmation Registration Packet

Each year, parents are required to turn in the Confirmation Registration Packet for that academic year. This packet can be picked up outside the church office or online on the Holy Spirit Catholic Church Website (www.holyspiritcatholic.org).

The Registration Packet includes: General Information Form, Medical & Liability Release, Code of Conduct Form, Safe Environment Form, and Attendance and Pick up Policies. If ANY of these forms are not completely filled out, your child's registration is not considered completed.

- Baptismal Certificate

Each family must provide a copy of the candidate's Baptismal Certificate (even if you have given it to our office before). If the candidate was Baptized at Holy Spirit Parish we do not need the certificate.

If you have any questions regarding this information, please contact the Youth Minister, Allison Steen-Baker at allison@holyspiritcatholic.org

Program Requirements

Formation Sessions

Formation sessions will be held monthly on Wednesday or Sunday evenings from 6:00-8:00pm (please see the Confirmation Schedule for session dates). This year we have changed our curriculum to make it more accessible for families and parents to be involved. First year students will be using the series called, “**The Creed: Symbolon for YDisciple**” which is available on FORMED.org. Each candidate is required to attend ALL of the sessions (8 sessions). If a session is missed, make up work must be turned in at the next class. You can find your make-up work in your Confirmation Folder or on the Confirmation webpage. If more than 3 classes are missed, a meeting with the catechist, youth minister, or pastor will be required (see Attendance Policy Agreement).

Entrance Meeting with Youth Minister

Each candidate, with parent(s) or guardian(s), must meet with the Youth Minister in Confirmation Year ONE (meetings are held in the Fall semester) to assess the individual needs of the candidate.

Personal Prayer & Observance of Catholic Obligation

We expect that each candidate be in a year of personal prayer and discernment especially while preparing for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Although we do not monitor attendance in this category, we do have expectations for meeting this requirement. We expect each candidate to participate in weekly celebration of Mass on Sundays (or vigil on Saturday evening) as well as on other Solemnities and Holy days of Obligation. In addition, our youth ministry program provides many opportunities to learn about and participate in prayer through youth group, monthly Eucharistic Adoration with praise and worship music, and retreats that help teens to encounter the Lord in different ways. Please encourage your teen to practice personal prayer daily and consider making church events that promote these practices a priority in your family life.

Serving God's People

Becoming disciples of Christ means learning the importance of living a life of service to others. Candidates will be asked to deliver poinsettias to parishioners who have lost loved ones in the last year one Saturday in the month of December. See the Youth Minister for ideas for service opportunities in the parish or larger community.

Reconciliation

Per Canon Law, Catholics are required to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation at least once per year. In order to help fulfill that obligation, Holy Spirit offers two communal Reconciliation Services per year: once in Advent, and again during Lent. Candidates are strongly encouraged to attend at least one of these services and receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Optional Events & Opportunities

Youth Group

The goal of youth group is to dedicate time to growing in personal relationship with Jesus and to foster a fellowship of faith among the candidate and their peers. We highly encourage each candidate to participate in Middle School Youth Group which will meet every Wednesday night from 6:00-8:00pm (that is not dedicated to Confirmation Preparation). Please see the Holy Spirit Youth Webpage for more detailed information about meeting dates.

Retreats, Camps, Mission Trips & More!

Holy Spirit Youth Ministry is dedicated to providing opportunities for spiritual growth outside of our parish and in a variety of ways. Please see the Holy Spirit Youth Webpage for more detailed information about the opportunities available through our parish.