

Sacrament of Confirmation Program Requirements

Before entering the Sacramental Program, students are required to complete the following:

- ❖ All 4 "Basics of Our Catholic Faith Mini-Courses": *Being Catholic, Morality and Justice, Scripture, and Prayer and Worship*
- ❖ At least 2 "Faith & Life Elective Mini-Courses" which are aimed at deepening their faith and conviction.
- ❖ Search Retreat (2 dates offered in the Winter Quarter each year)
- ❖ 3 Service electives which are focused on serving others.
- ❖ 4 Discipleship electives aimed at making the teen a disciple for Christ within the community.

Once the above prerequisites are met, the Confirmation Preparation Program requires the following:

1. Turn in the Sacrament of Confirmation "Letter of Intent" by the established deadline. Once all the necessary forms and paperwork are turned in to the Youth Ministry Office, candidates will be notified that they are registered in the Confirmation Preparation Program.
2. Attend the Opening Session: Seder Meal & Presentation for **Candidates, Sponsors & Parents.**
3. Attend all four session of the Confirmation Preparation Course (offered in the Spring Quarter of each year). The themes presented include:
 - a. Baptism: including the meaning of dying and rising, salvation, freedom and sin.
 - b. On-going conversion including the life-long Journey of Faith and the need for reconciliation, especially through the celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
 - c. Jesus Christ: including the meaning of his life, death and resurrection for our salvation and his meaning for individuals and the Church today.
 - d. The mission of the Church: including responsibilities of membership; witness to the faith; the call to ministry; action on behalf of justice; preferential option for the poor.
 - e. The community of Faith: including the communal dimension to faith; the charisms and gifts of the Spirit; and the body of Christ, as well as the institutional dimensions of the Church.
 - f. The Presence of the Spirit: including reflection on the life and presence of the Spirit in the Church and in the life of the believer; discernment of the presence of the Spirit.
 - g. Confirmation: including a presentation and explanation of the Rite itself and the signs and symbols of the sacrament.
 - h. The Eucharist: including its place in the life of the individual and the community.
4. Participate in the Harvest Saturday Food Drive and Collection (Can be done before entering Confirmation preparation program.)
5. Attend the Discovery Retreat (2 dates offered in the Summer Quarter each year).
6. Interview (Candidate & Sponsor/Parent).
7. Rehearsal and Ceremony (held each Fall)

A Sacrament of Confirmation Guidebook will be given out to families at the Opening Session.