

Welcome to the Holy Child Parish Confirmation Program! You have come this far because Jesus has called you...by name!

As always, we are anxious to help guide you along on your spiritual journey toward receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Please understand that entering the program is a commitment that you have chosen and that there are requirements to be fulfilled. *These are a necessary part of the process, and may at times require a spirit of sacrifice and cooperation not only from you, but from your parents as well.* This is also a good time to consider whether or not you should enter into that extra activity that may prevent you from fulfilling your commitment to your Confirmation formation.

You will be notified when the dates for meetings, interviews, saint reports, and retreats, when set, will be noted on emails to students and parents or memos sent home from class. Regular class sessions are listed on the "Year-at-a-glance" calendar that you received in your packet.

Here are a few general guidelines and information to get you started:

- Classes will be held on Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 p.m. **BE ON TIME!!!**
- Since we will be meeting in Church for prayer each session, please do not wear shorts or tanks (both girls and guys).
- Each student will read the "Pledge of Commitment," understand it, agree to it, and then sign it. Please return the signed Pledge to the teacher to be placed in the student's file.
- Students who have more than three unexcused absences and do not attend mandatory meetings, workshops, and retreats will simply not be prepared to be confirmed and will need to continue their preparations until the requirements are met. Four tardies count as one absence. To be excused from class, the teacher or Connie should be notified prior to the beginning of class. Extenuating circumstances will be dealt with on an individual basis.
- Remember that you will only get as much out of the Program as you are willing to put into it!
- Each year Confirmation students are required to attend the Lenten Mission. The dates for this have not yet been scheduled.
- Confirmation students are expected to participate in all Holy Week Services. The times will be announced.
- Our volunteer teachers, I believe, are exceptional! Please show them and your fellow students the respect they deserve.
- In case of bad weather, we will follow the APS and Moriarty schedule. If they cancel, then so do we. If a storm comes up during the day, a recording will be left on the parish phone by 4:00 p.m. indicating whether or not we will be having class.
- The name you choose for Confirmation must be the name of a saint. You will be writing two "Saint Reports" each year in order to become more familiar with some of the Church Triumphant, who whether you are aware of it or not, are always praying for you. Most students choose one of the saints that they have studied. The one you choose will be a great friend and intercessor throughout your life!
- Each student will be required to fulfill 20 hours of service in a parish ministry or community ministry each year. Four of these hours should be in Eucharistic Adoration. Details of "Discipleship hours" are explained on a separate handout.
- It's not too soon to start thinking about a sponsor. Please read the requirements for sponsor on the separate handout.

PLEASE BE ON TIME FOR CLASS AND BE PREPARED!! If you take your notebook or books home, please remember to return with them. We will begin each class promptly at 6:30 p.m. in the church. After the opening session, you will go to the classroom.

We have a Confirmation team who loves our Lord and they are honored to be able to serve you during this important and exciting time in your life. May our Lord bless you and strengthen you in your decision to be confirmed.