



## **Holy Spirit Parish Confirmation Class 2018**

Our mission during the Confirmation Preparation Process is to help prepare the high school aged youth to receive the sacrament and to deepen their faith.

### **What is Confirmation?**

Confirmation, together with Baptism and First Communion, form the Sacraments of Initiation that are all intimately connected. In the Sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized person is “sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit” and is strengthened for service to the Body of Christ and welcomed fully into the life of the Church.

### **Parish Confirmation Preparation Program**

Confirmation will be in the fall/winter of 2018. The date will be set with the Archbishop this summer and we will inform you as soon as we know. The Confirmation Program is open to all high school Sophomores in addition to Juniors who have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation. We also welcome all youth who have not received their other sacraments of initiation including Baptism and First Holy Communion to contact us as well.

We wish for all those who wanting to be confirmed to have time to prepare. We feel that the best preparation can be by being surrounded by the day-to-day living of faith by you, the family, and by the adults in the parish community where the faith is really lived. Therefore, we are here to aid you in ways that help in forming your Confirmandi. Preparation for Confirmation should aid in helping the Confirmandi build a deeper relationship with Jesus, in having a more active participation in the liturgy, and in having a more social consciousness that is rooted in faith and service.

Therefore; we offer a program to assist you in preparing your teen for Confirmation. These are not classes, but instead, Discipleship Formation Sessions. We gather once a month on the dates listed below after the 5:30pm Sunday Mass from 6:30-8:30pm.

### **DISCIPLESHIP FORMATION SESSION DATES**

**Session 1 - Sunday, February 11<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 2 - Sunday, March 18<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 3 - Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 4 - Sunday, May 6<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 5 - Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 6 - Sunday, July 15<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 7 – Sunday, August 12<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 8 – Sunday, September 9<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**Session 9 – Sunday, October 14<sup>th</sup> :: 6:30-8:30pm**

**\*\*Confirmation Retreat – TBD\*\***

**CONFIRMATION – TBD**

All session will include a meal and will cover various topics approved by the Archdiocese.

On a few evenings, we will ask that either the Confirmation sponsor or parent to attend the session. These dates will be close to Confirmation and will be given to you once that date is set.

## **Retreats**

Retreats are such an important part of spiritual growth and development. This is why we offer candidates the opportunity to experience retreats during the confirmation process. You are able to join with the Holy Spirit Youth Group on any retreats or pilgrimages during the year and we will inform you of any that are upcoming. The Confirmation Retreat is a morning retreat prior to Confirmation that is important for all Confirmandi to participate in.

## **Youth Group**

We feel your journey in faith during the high school years will not be easy and Youth Group can help give you a more complete experience. Confirmation sessions focus primarily on faith and religious formation. Youth Group is designed to create a place where teens can support each other and grow in faith and friendship while learning how to apply their Catholic values and beliefs into their daily lives. Youth Group also sponsors many social activities so you can start to meet others whose faith is also important to them. Youth Group meets on Wednesdays from 7pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall during the school year. A full Youth Group calendar can be found on our website. We will inform you of any summer dates as soon as we know about them. \*\*Dinner is provided at the beginning of every Youth Group. No RSVP is necessary. \*\*

## **Service Hours**

This is the time to begin your life as an adult in the church. As such, we strongly urge you to begin volunteering in the church and with other outside organizations. This is the prime time to begin a habit of service where you give of your time and talent; a habit we hope will last for a lifetime. We have provided a service tracker for you to keep track of your service hours for self-evaluation and so you'll easily be able to recall ways you've been involved when asked by Father, before Confirmation. We will check with you periodically on how this is going and will inform you of any service opportunities we're aware of. However, there is not a requirement of a certain number of service hours.

## **Requirements:**

- Must be a registered Holy Spirit Parishioner
- Must be in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade (or older) at the time of Confirmation

## **Contact:**

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