

CONFIRMATION

Holy Rosary Parish

2008-2009

GOAL: At the end of the program, each candidate will be able to:

1. express in his or her own words what it means for him or her to be choosing to be a Catholic Christian
2. integrate her or his faith values into her or his decision making
3. practice an active faith life

Requirements - *Sacrament is not “earned”, it is freely given*

- **Interviews**
 - Each candidate is responsible for scheduling an interview at the beginning (to discuss hopes and expectations for the program) and the end of the program (to discuss intention and assess readiness to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation);
 - Each candidate is expected to meet with his or her sponsor at least 3 times in the preparation process to discuss topics and information shared in sessions as well as other life and faith issues...at the final interview, each candidate will be expected to discuss the impact of his or her conversations with his or her sponsor during the preparation process;
- **Sessions and Retreat** – Candidates are expected to attend:
 - Archdiocese of Seattle Confirmation weekend retreat – March 6-8, 2009
 - 6-7 sessions – Approximately every other Sunday from 6:30-8:30pm starting January 11th
 - Rehearsal – May 3rd – sponsors are expected to attend;
- **Ministry/Service** – Candidates are expected to actively participate in at least one Ministry available through Holy Rosary for at least the five months prior to Confirmation;
- **Reconciliation Service** – Candidates are expected to attend a reconciliation service with other youth
- **Rite of Enrollment** – Candidates and Sponsors are expected to attend. It will be scheduled at a Sunday liturgy and expresses the candidates commitment to preparation for Confirmation

Sponsors

- Must be a confirmed Catholic
- Someone that you can talk to about your thoughts and questions about your faith.
- Your sponsor cannot be your parent.
- They should be identified before the confirmation sessions begin on January 11, 2009.
- There will be a Confirmation potluck for Sponsors at the beginning of the program at our first meeting
- Sponsor will be expected to be at Confirmation, the Rehearsal the weekend before, and the Rite of Enrollment (if possible)

Parents Role

- Encourage active involvement in the program – attendance at retreat, sessions, discussions with sponsor
- Provide sustenance – healthy snacks and beverages – small groups will be assigned in early sessions
- Make sure candidates are appropriately dressed and on time for Rite of Enrollment and Confirmation
- Help with Baccalaureate Brunch for Seniors in June in return for the Seniors parents helping out with Confirmation reception

Schedule of Dates

Potluck will be in the Parish Hall and the Sessions in the Youth Room

Sunday, January 11 th	Potluck with Candidates, Sponsors and Confirmation Team*	6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, January 25 th	Session 1	6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, February 8 th	Session 2	6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, February 22 nd	Session 3	6:30-8:30pm
TBD	Rite of Enrollment* (<i>Be in vestibule at 10:30am</i>)	11:00am#
March 6-8 th	Confirmation Retreat	Leave Friday at 4:30pm and return Sunday 2:00pm
Sunday, March 22 nd	Session 4	6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, April 19 th	Session 5	6:30-8:30pm
Sunday, April 26 th	Session 6	6:30-8:30pm
TBD	Rehearsal* (May 2 nd or 3 rd)	TBD#
Wednesday, May 6 th	Confirmation with Reception* (<i>Be in vestibule at 6:30am</i>)	7:00pm

***Attendance by sponsor is expected**

#Tentative timeframe, please be prepared to be flexible...

If a candidate is to miss a session, it is expected that it will be communicated prior to the session and candidate will be responsible for obtaining and going over the work for that session on their own time (perhaps with a parent and/or their sponsor). This is NOT a replacement of coming to sessions; if a pattern of not attending sessions occurs, then the candidate's readiness to receive the Sacrament may come into question.

Recommended Resources

- Catholic Bible (Owned by the candidate)
- The Catholic Faith Handbook for Youth – St. Mary's Press (I am going to try and purchase for candidates)
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (available in print and online at <http://www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm>)