

# HIGH SCHOOL CONFIRMATION

Holy Rosary Parish

October 25, 2009

## Parent/Candidate Informational Meeting

**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 12-14, 2010
  - 6-7 sessions – Approximately every other week starting in January
  - Rehearsal – 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 10 hours during the six months prior to Confirmation and write a reflection about their experience with this ministry;
- **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 in January.
- There will be a Confirmation potluck for Sponsors at our first meeting
- Sponsor will be expected to be at Confirmation, the Rehearsal the weekend before, and the Rite of Enrollment Mass (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

## Schedule of Dates

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

Week of, January 10 <sup>th</sup>	Potluck with Candidates, Sponsors and Confirmation Team*	TBD#
Week of, January 24 <sup>th</sup>	Session 1	TBD#
Week of, February 7 <sup>th</sup>	Session 2	TBD#
Week of, February 21 <sup>st</sup>	Session 3	TBD#
Week of, March 7 <sup>th</sup>	Session 4	TBD#
March 12-14 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation Retreat    Leave Friday at 4:30pm and return Sunday 2:00pm	
Week of, March 21 <sup>st</sup>	Rite of Enrollment* ( <i>Be in vestibule at 10:30am</i> )	11:00am#
Week of, April 11 <sup>th</sup>	Session 5	TBD#
Week of, April 18 <sup>th</sup>	Session 6	TBD#
Week of, April 25 <sup>th</sup>	Rehearsal*	TBD#
Monday, April 26 <sup>th</sup>	Confirmation with Reception* ( <i>Be in vestibule at 6:30pm</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 for candidates)
- Catechism of the Catholic Church (available in print and online at <http://www.scborromeo.org/ccs.htm>)