



HOLY ROSARY CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

Confirmation 2016-2017 Candidates Expectations

1. **Confirmation Sessions:** The expectation is that the candidates attend all confirmation sessions. However, we realize that family life, and emergencies occur. We offer class make-up options through attending sessions on a separate day to the one you missed. For example if you have class Wednesday and you missed, you may attend class that Sunday to make up your missed class. You may also write a report for your missed session, must speak to teacher about guidelines. This option can only be used a maximum of 2 times. If you need to miss a class or make-up a class you must contact your confirmation teacher ASAP to let them know, at least a 24 hour notice.
2. **Regular Mass Attendance:** It is expected that all candidates attend mass on a weekly basis with their families. Candidates are also expected to participate frequently in the Sacrament of Reconciliation-especially prior to receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. All Candidates will be given a Mass sign-card to take with them to mass and have signed by a Priest, Staff member or Confirmation teacher after mass.
3. **Youth Points:** All candidates preparing for Confirmation are asked to participate in Youth Ministry events throughout the year. Candidates will be given a sheet to keep track of the points they acquire, a minimum of 6 points are required for each candidate. More than one point can be earned per event depending on what the event is.
4. **Service:** Each candidate is expected to complete 5 service hours per year of preparation. Service hours must fall in one of the three categories listed below. (A) Family service– Service should be done together as a family for the service of others. (B) Community–Must involve community outreach to the poor or afflicted. (C) Church–Help volunteer in any of the events the church puts on throughout the year. All Candidates will receive a Service Hour Sheet to be completed and signed.
5. **Confirmation Retreat:** All candidates are expected to attend a yearly retreat. Dates are below.
1st Year Candidates = Feb 17-19, 2017 (Pan de Vida)
2nd Year Candidates = March 10-12th, 2017 (Cabin Retreat)
6. **Parent Involvement:** Parents are the primary educators of their children. In light of this, parents are expected to journey with the teens through the Confirmation Program. There are workshops to attend for first year parents and a retreat for second year parents. Please refer to Calendar for dates.
1st Year Parents= November 17th, 2016 @ 6p (Eng. in Church) / @ 6:30p (Span. In Dom. Hall)
1st Year Parents= January 26th, 2017 @ 6p (Eng. in Church) / @ 6:30p (Span. In Dom. Hall)
2nd year Parents= February 25th, 2017 @ 8am-12p (Eng. Dom Hall) / @ 1p-5p (Span. In Dom. Hall)
7. **Sponsor:** Each Confirmation Candidate is expected to choose a sponsor. A sponsor is someone chosen by the candidate to spiritually walk with the candidate during and after their preparation for the sacrament. Please reference the Sponsor Form for Guidelines on who does and does not qualify to be a sponsor.
8. **Confirmation Saint Name:** All candidates are asked to choose a "Saint Name" that they will take during the sacrament of Confirmation. This saint should be someone that the candidates wish to emulate. Please reference the Saint Guidelines for submission procedures.
9. **Interview:** 2nd year Candidates will have a 45min-1 hour interview to discuss their Confirmation journey. There will be a link for sign-up, which will begin in February 2017.