



The Gift of the Holy Spirit through Confirmation

CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION PACKET

Dear Confirmandees,

If you wish to register for Confirmation Preparation, please complete the attached packet and **return it at the Confirmation Kick Off on Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the gym. Don't Forget** – cash or check for the Registration Fee and a copy of your Baptismal Certificate (unless you were Baptized at SHM). **In addition to turning in your completed registration packet at the Kick Off, you will pick up additional materials needed for Confirmation, sign up for your entrance interview, liturgy & service hours, and ASK all your questions.**

The application asks for your **sponsor information**. The role of the sponsor is to pray and intercede for you, and be a role model by answering questions, introducing different aspects of the Catholic faith, and participating in certain components of the preparation process. Your sponsor must be a Confirmed (Canon 879-896), Practicing Catholic. Ideally, we would like to see one of your Godparents as your sponsor. However, we realize that geography, amongst other reasons, may not enable your Godparent to fill this role. If that is the case, grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends of the family, may be a place to start. Parents MAY NOT be your sponsor (Canon 879-896). If family is not an option, we suggest looking to people in your parish community whose faith you respect and invite them to act as your sponsor. We are willing to help you in this process but you must seek our help BEFORE the registration deadline (September 13). DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE.

The **Youth Confirmation Overview sheet** is also included in this packet. The Confirmation Preparation Schedule has been designed to give you exposure to many different aspects of our Catholic faith so that you can discover your own faith style and how you best relate with Christ. The service component is an opportunity to give back to our parish community as they support you in your preparation process. The classes are designed to inform you about your Catholic faith and help you discover practical ways live your faith daily. Time on a monthly basis will be spent with your sponsor who will model the faith through service, participation in Mass, and will make the faith relational. The presence of your family in this preparation process allows you to learn from their spirituality while developing your own expression of the faith. Plus, the family's role is to be a life long companion for you in your faith journey keeping you accountable to your faith along with celebrating and struggling with you. Liturgy participation will help you to understand your role in the Eucharist and how the whole liturgy reveals God to us. Homework assignments will empower you to find the answers you seek about your faith using the resources provided by the church (i.e. the Catechism of the Catholic Faith, The Catholic Faith Handbook for youth, your parents, your sponsor & God parents, the liturgy, etc.) The round table discussions are an opportunity to articulate what you've learned so that you can better explain and defend your faith. The Confirmation ½ Day Retreat will be a culmination of all of your preparation and will be a time of reflection to review and decide whether you are ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Your goal is to participate in all these activities as a way to discover your faith and how you relate with Christ.

As always, please feel free to call or email the Youth Office with any questions or concerns you may have (303-499-8989 ext. 209). George@sacredheartofmary.com Beverly@sacredheartofmary.com

With Christ's Peace,

George & Beverly Ketchel
Youth Ministers

Confirmation Sponsor Information

2009-2010

Congratulations! You have been invited by a youth to be their Sponsor for Confirmation. This, as you know, is an important and time consuming commitment. But helping a young person discover the joys of the Catholic Faith as well as helping to open their eyes to a new and life long relationship with God can bring many rewards.

Requirements:

You must be a Confirmed, Practicing Catholic. Parents MAY NOT sponsor their children (Canon Law 879-896). Throughout the student's Confirmation Preparation, there are a number of things that we ask you, the sponsor, to do:

1. You, as their sponsor, are first and foremost a **prayer warrior** on their behalf.
2. **Attend the Confirmation Kick Off** on Sunday, September 13, 7:00 pm in gym.
3. **Meet once a month** (October-March) to share, discuss, experience your Catholic faith with your youth.
4. Attend a **half day of prayer reflection and preparation** Saturday, April 10 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm
5. **Ceremony** (between the last week of April and first 2 weeks of May)

The monthly meeting can include attending Mass, attending Mass at a different parish, saying the Rosary, doing a service project, attending a local Shrine, going to Confession, watching EWTN, attending a Christian concert or movie, etc. You will receive Sponsor mailings with suggestions and listings of local special events that may appeal to you and your youth. You will also be asked to help the youth complete a Confirmation Faith Quiz and help your Confirmandee pick their Saint name that they will take upon receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation. Both the quiz and saint name information will be mailed to you later in January.

This is a relational ministry that you have been asked to do. Our goal through Confirmation Preparation is to provide the youth with as many different resources as possible and as many different experiences to help them discover God. You are a role model of the faith as you expose them to a variety of activities that will enable them to see their faith in action in every aspect of life. You are a resource for their questions and frustrations, and a personal connection to the faith and the God they are seeking.

Ultimately you will be standing up as a witness from the community and stating that the person you are sponsoring is interested, capable and committed to living out their baptismal call as a Catholic. The Archbishop, Fr. Michael and the rest of the Catholic community relies on your personal evaluation of the relationship that you have been invited into. We know that the Holy Spirit is just looking for a person to be open to the love God has for them. The classes, retreats, service and personal relationships work together to draw each of us into this wonderful mystery and often sponsors find the experience to be personally fulfilling as well, thank you very much for your response to the Holy Spirit.

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1. You, as their sponsor, are first and foremost a **prayer warrior** on their behalf.
2. The **Confirmation Kick Off** is on Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm. Since you are unable to attend, your student should be calling you to tell you about what was discussed.
3. You should expect to touch base with your student **once a month** (October-March) to share, discuss, experience your Catholic faith with your youth. You can do this by phone or email. Some suggestions of activities to accommodate your distance: read the same scripture passages (i.e. readings for coming Sunday liturgy) or a spiritual book and discuss; watch the same movie and discuss spiritual impact; watch the same program on EWTN and discuss; share prayers and pray together over the phone; discuss personal prayer and faith in action activities; find a project to support like the homeless or other cause in your perspective towns and share your experiences.
4. **Half day of prayer reflection and preparation** Saturday, April 10 from 8:00 am to 1:00 pm. Some sponsors try to come for the reflection day in addition to the ceremony. If you are unable to attend the retreat, please let us know 2 weeks ahead of time so that we can get you the Exit interview. The sponsor is responsible for administering the exit interview including asking the student if they are ready and prepared to receive the sacrament.
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Confirmation Parent Information

2009-2010

Thank you for fulfilling your Baptismal Promise to raise your child in the Catholic Church and for encouraging them to take the next step in their faith: the Sacrament of Confirmation. Like with all sacramental preparation, it is a time consuming endeavor but one that will hopefully strengthen and enrich not just your child's faith but yours as well.

Requirements:

Your role as a parent of a Confirmation student is as their primary educator. Parents MAY NOT sponsor their children (Canon Law 879-896). This year, we hope to offer some opportunities for parents to participate in the preparation process and strengthen your role as teacher of the faith.

1. First and foremost, we ask that you be a **prayer warrior** on your child's behalf.
2. Attend the Confirmation Kick Off on Sunday, September 13 at 7:00 pm in the gym.
3. As the primary educator of the faith, it's always good to keep learning. You are asked to attend at least one Catholic catechetical class of your own (a list of options will be published). By attending this class, you help model the importance of continuing to grow in your faith after Confirmation while meeting other parents who are preparing their children for the Sacraments.
4. Your child will be asked to complete **4 homework assignments** and we are asking you, not the sponsors, to assist with the homework. Again because parents are the primary people that their children learn from it is our hope that these assignments will be a tool for you to share your faith with your youth.
5. Finally, we recognize that the faith is most effectively fostered as a family activity. Therefore, we are encouraging families to support their Confirmandee by participating as a family through:
 - * Liturgical ministry (i.e. ushers, servers, sacristans, reader)
 - * Attending the Chrism Mass (Tuesday, March 30) or the Easter Vigil (Saturday, April 3)
 - * Attending one (1) class with your child

We hope that these activities will reinforce the faith of each family member and give your family shared faith experiences that will lead you closer to God and each other.

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Confirmation Outline 2009-2010

Registration Paperwork: DUE at Kick Off on September 13 at 7:00 pm in the gym
Bring: Registration Form, copy of Baptismal Certificate, fee, parents & your sponsor

Entrance Interview Sign Up for 10 minute slot– Sept 15, 3:00-5:15 pm; Sept 17, 4:00-9:00 pm; Sept 18, 9:00 am-3:30 pm

Liturgy participation – **Server, usher, sacristan, reader** for the 2010 Calendar Year or join **Youth Choir 2009-2010**
Chrism Mass **OR** Easter Vigil **required; dates listed below**

Service Project – 4 hours of service to the parish
(either through Time & Talent event or by appointment with grounds department – John Civins x206)

Parent Requirement – attend at least 1 catechetical class throughout preparation – list of options will be provided

Plus Classes, Homework assignments, & Discussion groups - SEE SCHEDULE BELOW

General Timeline

September - Sun. 13th Registration packet due
Sun. 13th Kick Off, 7:00 – 9:00 pm, in the gym
Tues. 15TH, Thurs. 17TH, Fri. 18TH Interview dates (times listed above)

October- Sat. 3rd, 8 am Mass, class from 9-10 am; homework #1 assigned
Week of 25th Homework #1 Due & Discussion groups (sign ups available later)

November – Sat. 7th 8 am Mass, class 9-10 am; homework #2 assigned
Week of the 29th Homework #2 Due & Discussion groups (sign ups available later)
Mon. 30th, Liturgy class with Father Mallick 7:00 pm

December – Mon. 7th, Liturgy class with Fr. Mallick 7:00 pm

January- Sat. 9th, 8 am Mass, class 9-10 am; homework #3 assigned
Week of 24th Homework Due #3 & Discussion groups (sign ups available later)

February- Sat. 20th, 8 am Mass, class 9-10 am; homework #4 assigned
Week of 28th Homework #4 Due & Discussion groups (sign ups available later)

March- Sat. 30th, 11 am Chrism Mass at Cathedral (or you may attend a Easter Vigil instead)

April- Sat. 3rd, Easter Vigil Mass at any Catholic Church (or you may attend the Chrism Mass on March 30th instead)
Sat. 10th Day of Reflection with sponsor at Sacred Heart of Mary, 8 am til 1:00 pm

Ceremony Date – Between the last week of April and the 2nd week of May. Date to be announced when notified by the Archbishop's Office.