

Sacred Hearts Parish-Year 1 Confirmation Fall 2019



“RETURN TO ME WITH YOUR WHOLE HEART,” JOEL 2:12



WELCOME TO THE SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION PROGRAM
FOR CONFIRMATION 2019!

Dear Parents of Candidates for Confirmation in Fall 2019:

In Fall 2019, an important milestone in your child’s spiritual life will occur—reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation. This sacrament is the final step in a process of full initiation into a sharing in the Divine Life of God. It completes their entry into the Church—a process you began when you had them baptized. Although people sometimes misunderstand this beautiful Sacrament as a “rite of passage,” Confirmation is not Catholic “graduation.” Confirmation is not the end, but the beginning for these candidates—the beginning of their adulthood in the Church, and a commitment to their identity as sons and daughters of God, and disciples of Jesus Christ.

Over the next two years, candidates will be challenged to grow in their faith. For this reason, they are expected to complete a set of requirements in addition to their time in the classroom. These requirements strive to inspire a consistent, mature prayer life through habits of prayer, as well as attendance at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days of Obligation.

This packet explains the Sacramental Program requirements your child must complete in preparation for Confirmation, and also contains the necessary guidelines for documents and forms which must be completed by the deadlines provided. Please read through this material carefully. The forms and reports should be turned in to your child’s teacher, emailed to bfullerton@sacredheartparish.com, hand-delivered to the Pastoral Center, or mailed to the Office of Religious Education, ATTN: “Confirmation Requirements.”

All candidates planning to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation must complete registration forms in the ninth and tenth grades, and pay the sacramental preparation fee in the tenth grade. Students who attend Catholic School in the ninth grade are required to attend some but not all of the Sacramental Preparation classes in the 2017-2018 school year. All other candidates must attend all classes and events. Students who attend Catholic School must attend all 10th grade classes.

The date of the Confirmation Mass has not yet been decided. When the Archdiocese assigns the date, that information will be provided to you. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns regarding these materials or the program. I look forward to accompanying you and your teen on this leg of their faith journey.

God bless you and your family,

Beth Fullerton
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