

2017 Confirmation Preparation Information and Policies

Welcome

St. Mary Queen of Creation parish invites 9th graders to prepare for and receive the sacrament of Confirmation and complete their initiation into the Church. Through the sacrament of Confirmation, they will be bound more firmly to the Church, strengthened with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and sent forth to spread the Good News.

Students in grades 10-12 are also welcome to prepare along with the 9th graders for the Sacrament of Confirmation

Attendance

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation is compact and intense. For this reason, **attendance at all information and formation meetings, gatherings and the retreat is required.** We are aware that time conflicts may occur due to illness or other obligations. We allow candidates to attend alternate gathering sessions should they be unable to attend their scheduled session. Our large-group meetings are offered two times for your convenience. It is necessary that you contact the Faith Formation Office with all scheduling and attendance issues before the date of the event. Should **ONE** absence occur, a meeting will be held to discuss the candidate's ability to continue with preparation.

Preparation Components

Confirmation completes the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation) and celebrates the beginning of spiritual maturity. It inspires a new course for discipleship. The newly confirmed are entitled to all the blessings and responsibilities that come with full initiation into the Catholic Church.

The preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation includes the following elements:

- **EARLY FORMATION:** Completion of 7th and 8th grade Faith Formation curriculum
- **REGULAR PRACTICE:** Weekly Mass attendance is expected of all candidates seeking Confirmation. **Go to Masstimes.org**
- **DEMONSTRATED READINESS:** Submission of five (5) Mass Reflections from June thru October which will be due monthly. The due dates are listed on the top of each form.
- **ACTIVE DISCIPLESHIP (SERVICE):** Completion of a service experience totaling not less than four (4) hours for our parish or the general community **and** submission of Reflection Sheet.
- **COMMITMENT:** Attendance at all information and formation meetings
- **RETREAT:** Full Participation in the half-day retreat
- **SUPPORT:** Each candidate must have a Catholic adult sponsor or parent presenter.
- **COMPANIONSHIP:** Each candidate must choose a companion saint and complete the Confirmation Name Selection Form.
- **CONFESSION:** Each candidate should receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.
- **FINAL PREPARATION:** Attendance at Confirmation rehearsal

Confirmation Mass Attire – Appropriate Attire Includes:

Girls: Dress or Dress Pants, Nice Top and Dress shoes

Boys: Suit or Dress Pants, Neck Tie, Nice Top and Dress shoes

You are not allowed any low necklines, spaghetti straps, short skirts, yoga pants, leggings, ripped or torn apparel, flip flops, casual sandals, tennis shoes or shorts!