

Confirmation Parent Information 2011-2012

What is Confirmation?

“Confirmation is the sacrament that completes Baptism; in it the gift of the Holy Spirit is bestowed upon us.” *Youcat* 203

Typical Class Format:

6:30	Gather in Franciscan / Benedictine Rooms
6:30-7:10	Doctrine Presentation / Sponsor & Student Discussion
7:10-7:15	Snack Break
7:15-7:35	Moral Presentation / Sponsor & Student Discussion
7:35-7:40	Break
7:40-8:00	Spirituality Presentation / Sponsor & Student Discussion

Requirements Checklist:

- Student must faithfully attend the classes.
- Student must have a faithful sponsor that helps guide the sponsor through the formation process.
- Unless Baptized at Holy Name, a copy of the Baptismal Certificate is needed.
- Student is to attend the Thursday Religious Education program, unless already a student at Holy Name School. Combined this is only once a week.
- Service Hours are to be completed by April 12, 2012.
- Student must attend the Confirmation Retreat on April 21, 2012.
- Student must maintain & finish the *Youcat* reading log on schedule.
- Students are expected to bring their *Youcat* to all classes and the retreat.
- Students are expected to bring a snack to one class. Schedule to be announced.

How to Choose a Sponsor Checklist:

- The sponsor must be a good role model of what it means to be a Catholic.
- The sponsor is to be chosen by the parents or student.
- The sponsor must be over 16.
- The sponsor must not be a parent of the student.
- The sponsor must be a Confirmed Catholic, in good standing with the Church.
- “In good standing” means a practicing Catholic that is not married outside the Church.
- If the sponsor was not Baptized at Holy Name, a “Letter of Good Standing” needs to be provided by the sponsor’s current parish. The letter simply needs to state that the sponsor is a member of their parish, is Baptized and Confirmed, and is in good standing with the Church.
- Finally, the sponsor must be able and willing to participate in the students Confirmation formation, by attending classes and possibly doing service projects.

Absences: While perfect attendance is welcomed, it is acceptable to miss a max of three Confirmation classes and four Religious Ed classes. Please use these for emergencies. If you miss a Confirmation event, please inform the sponsor before class.

Service Hours:

- * A total of 30 Hours are Required
- * 20 Hours are to be part of a scheduled and signed up for group service project, with at least one project being connected with St. Vincent de Paul.
- * 5 Hours of personal formation, with attending EDGE twice at least.
Examples of personal formation include EDGE (1 hr per attendance), taking time for the Sacrament of Confession, attending an extra Mass during the week (school Masses do not count), and doing a Holy Hour.
- * 5 Hours for any Worth Cause regarded by the parents as a worth cause.
Parents, this is an opportunity for you to challenge your teen.

Currently Scheduled Group Service Projects:

- * Please note, for all service projects, each student must be accompanied by a chaperon, preferably the sponsor or a parent.
- * For group service projects, teens must be signed up before the event.
- * Sign-ups will be available at meetings and updates will be announced via e-mail and our website. (holyname.cc, go to Parish and then Faith Formation: Children.)
Parents are also welcome to sign up their teen by sending me an e-mail:
jchamblee@holyname.cc

* St. Vincent de Paul:

8:00 am - 1:00 pm (5 teens w/chaperones)

Food Pantry: Sept. 10, Oct. 22, Dec. 3

Distribution Center: Oct. 1; Nov. 12; Jan 7, 2012

Christmas Food Baskets,, 9:00 am -1:00 pm, (15 teens w/chaperones)

* Missionaries of Charity:

8:00 am - 12:00 ish. (5 teens w/chaperones)

2011: Oct. 8, Nov. 12, Dec. 10

2012: Jan 14, Feb. 11, March 10, April 14

* Second Helpings:

9:00 am - 1:00 pm, (includes lunch) (6 teens w/chaperones)

Sept. 24, Oct. 29

* Servant's Heart:

Nov. 19, 9:00 am - 11:00 am, (5 teens w/chaperones)

Nov. 21, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm, Drive Thru Thanksgiving, (15 teens w/chaperones)

- Servant's Heart Requires forms to be filled out.

- Also open on Saturdays, 9:00 am - 1:00 pm.

- * Other Ministries to be announced.