

Holy Name of Jesus' Confirmation Program
2019 - 2020

**Welcome! We believe you, our youth, are the church of today.
We are looking forward to preparing you to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.**

In order to apply for the Confirmation Year II program, young people:

- Must have been registered and have been actively participating in a youth program at Holy Name of Jesus Church, or similar program during the previous year
- Must be a minimum of 14 years of age to receive the Sacrament (Diocesan Requirement)
- Submit Application Packet by **September 4th, 2019**

Application Packet **must** include the following:

- 1) Application form - Available at <https://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation>
- 2) Application Fee of \$150*
- 3) Sponsor Form - Available at: <https://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation>
- 4) Confirmation Name (Saint Report due at Completion of Year One)
- 5) A copy of Baptismal Certificate

*Checks can be made payable to Holy Name of Jesus Church. Application Fee includes One (1) 5 x 7 individual and One (1) 8 x 10 group photo from Confirmation Mass Ceremony and DVD.

➤ **High School Youth Ministry Involvement and Mass Participation**

Sundays 5:30pm - 6:30pm (LIFETEEN Mass)

Sundays 6:30pm - 8:30pm (Life Nights)

- All those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Candidates) are required to participate in our youth ministry and attend Sunday Life Nights.
- Candidates are also required to attend the LIFETEEN Mass, which occurs directly prior to our Life Nights. A sign in sheet will be provided in the Narthex. Mass begins at 5:30pm. Families are encouraged to attend.
- Since attendance at these Sunday meetings and Mass will be instrumental in preparing for Confirmation, only **three (3)** absences are allowed. Calendar is available at: <https://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation>
- In order to limit distractions, we ask that candidates turn their **CELL PHONES OFF** prior to the beginning of all gatherings. Parents are strongly urged to help enforce this rule by reminding candidates of this rule prior to meetings.

➤ **Confirmation Small Group Sessions**

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm (twice a month)

- Candidates are required to attend Confirmation Small group sessions. We meet approximately twice a month, on Wednesdays. Since attendance will be instrumental in preparing for Confirmation, only **three (3)** absences are allowed. Calendar is available at: <https://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation>

➤ **Service and Outreach**

- Candidates are required to complete certain community service requirements. For complete details, please refer to the service journal available at: <https://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation>
- In order to help candidates complete the service part of the Confirmation program, we offer a Ministry (Service) Night. This year's Ministry (Service) Night is scheduled for **Sunday October 6, 2019 at 6:30pm.**

- **Letter to the Bishop**
 - All Candidates are required to write a letter to the Bishop. Instructions for this letter are posted on our Confirmation website at <https://www.myhunj.org/confirmation> and are due in class on **March 4, 2020**.
- **Confirmation Retreat(s)**
 - Retreats are such an important part of the Confirmation process; they are even important in life. They give people the chance to “get away” from things that prevent them from focusing on our Lord. Retreats allow candidates to recharge their spiritual battery.
 - We are working on two retreats this year. The dates are as follows: **Saturday October 5, 2019** and **Saturday April 18, 2020**. Attendance is mandatory. Additional details to follow.
- **Confirmation Rehearsal**
 - Our Confirmation Rehearsal has been scheduled for **Wednesday April 22, 2020 at 6:30pm** in the Church. Sponsors and Candidates are required to be in attendance. Parents are welcome to attend. Please arrive at least **30 minutes** prior to receive your place in line.
- **Confirmation Mass/Liturgy**
 - The Confirmation Mass/Liturgy has been scheduled for **Saturday April 25 at 10:00am**. Candidates will be expected to be in Trinity Center at least one hour prior to the ceremony with robes on. Further details will be provided closer to the date.
 - Dress Code: Young Women – Modest dress or skirt and blouse – no loud flowers or prints because they show through the white robe. Dresses should not be strapless. Dress shoes are required. Young Men – Plain dress shirt. Ties are optional. Dress slacks, no jeans. No sneakers or sandals. Socks are required.
- **Social Media - Remind App**
 - Get all the latest updates on our Confirmation Program right on your phone. Notifications will be sent about upcoming events, changes to meeting times etc. If you have a smartphone, go to the following link <https://www.remind.com/join/464922> and download the Remind mobile app. This is a great way to keep in touch! Subscribe or unsubscribe anytime!
- **Decision Point Program**
 - Parents, Sponsors and teens are asked to fully participate in our Confirmation curriculum - Decision Point.
 - We encourage Parents and Sponsors to sign up for the e-mail version of the Decision Point Program. This will allow you to keep up with what your child is learning and engage in meaningful discussions at home. Best of all, this will allow you to accompany your child on this life-changing journey. Sign up today on their website: <https://dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/parents-and-sponsors/>
 - Teens are encouraged to download the app on their phones. The App is called Decision Point – Catholic App. This will allow you to view videos not covered in class, catch up on a class you may have missed or even review materials. Download this App today.

We are excited to be a part of your faith journey. Should you have any questions on any of the above, please feel free to contact me.

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