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## From the Office of Youth Ministry

*“To form disciples who joyfully live out the mission of Jesus Christ.”*

### Holy Name of Jesus’ Confirmation Program 2018 - 2019

#### ➤ **How do I register?**

In order to apply for the Confirmation 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)

#### ➤ **Complete Application Packet by September 4th, 2018**

Application Packet **must** include the following:

- 1) Complete Application form <http://www.myhnj.org/confirmation>
- 2) Application Fee of \$125\*
- 3) Pick a Sponsor and submit a Sponsor Form <http://www.myhnj.org/confirmation>
- 4) Select a Confirmation Name.

#### ➤ **Application Fee**

- The Application Fee for Confirmation is \$125.00\*
- Checks can be made payable to Holy Name of Jesus Church.
- These funds are used to pay for materials, books, supplies, additional snacks and food (if not donated) and supplemental retreat fees etc.
- \*Application Fee includes One (1) 4 x 6 individual and One (1) 5 x 7 group photo from Confirmation Mass Ceremony and DVD.

#### ➤ **Required Forms**

- A copy of the Candidate’s Baptismal Certificate is always required at the beginning of the program. This must be submitted prior to or by the first class. If the candidate was baptized at Holy Name of Jesus Church, there will be no need to provide this form.

#### ➤ **Sponsor Requirements/Sponsor Forms:**

- Sponsor Forms are available at: <http://www.myhnj.org/confirmation>
- A Sponsor must be a practicing, confirmed Catholic and at least 16 years old. He/she may not be the candidate’s mother or father. A Sponsor should be someone the candidate trusts in seeking out faith advice and direction. While the popular choice is a Godparent, a family

member or family friend, we also recommend Catechists, small group leaders and other ministry leaders. This choice is up to the candidates. The Sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving, and is comfortable sharing his or her faith.

A Sponsor's role:

1. Pray for the candidate.
2. Check in on their preparation
3. Attend Sponsor Events (if local), the Confirmation Rehearsal; Attend the Liturgy of Confirmation and present the candidate during the Liturgy of Confirmation.
4. Continue to be there for the candidate and lend spiritual support after the Confirmation ceremony is over.

### ➤ **Confirmation Name**

- A name identifies you in a unique way. It identifies who you are as person. One of the traditional practices in the Church at the time of Confirmation is choosing a name that will remind you of this sacrament. Your prayerful reflection will help you determine that name.
- You might want to recommit yourself to your Baptismal name since it expresses the relationship that exists between these two sacraments, especially after you reflect on its meaning and discover some of the people who shared your name in Christian history.
- You might want to choose the name of a saint who represents the type of Christian you wish to be. It is important to learn as much as you can about your patron saint. After all, you are asking this saint to be your friend and advocate for the rest of your life.
- Whether you decide to stay with your Baptismal name or pick a new name, take the time to research and explore the root meaning of the name, for as Scripture says, "God calls each of us by name."
- For more information on Saints and biblical characters, you are encouraged to visit the following sites:
  - <http://www.catholic.org/saints/>
  - <http://saints.sqpn.com/>
  - <http://www.ewtn.com/saintsHoly/>

### ➤ **High School Youth Ministry Involvement/Mass Participation**

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

**Sundays 7:00pm - 8:45pm (Life Nights)**

- All those wishing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation (Candidates) are required to participate in our youth ministry.
- 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.
- As we all know, parents are the primary Catechists for their children's faith formation. With this in mind, we ask parents to ensure the Candidates are able to fulfill this requirement by attending Mass as a family.
- We will do our best to provide a meal for the teens immediately after Mass, prior to beginning the night.

- Since attendance at these Sunday meetings and Mass will be instrumental in preparing for Confirmation, only **three (3)** absences will be allowed.

### ➤ **Cell Phones**

- In order to limit distractions, we ask that candidates turn all cell phones **OFF** prior to the beginning of class. Parents are strongly urged to help enforce this rule by reminding candidates of this rule prior to meetings.

### ➤ **Confirmation Small Group Sessions**

- Candidates will also be required to attend Confirmation Small group sessions. There will be 14 sessions, meeting approximately twice a month, on Wednesdays. Since attendance will be instrumental in preparing for Confirmation, only **three (3)** absences will be allowed.

### ➤ **Service and Outreach**

- Candidates are required to participate in at least one other ministry at Holy Name of Jesus Church as their year-long activity and service commitment.
- Five other “one-time” service commitments (activities) may be performed at the church or in the local community. Each candidate will be given a service journal detailing how the service portion of the program works.
- We recommend parents work with their candidate to complete these service commitments.
- In order to help candidates complete the service part of the Confirmation program, we offer a Ministry (Service) Night. The Ministry (Service) Night takes place at one of our Youth Ministry meetings and is an opportunity for different ministries in the church to come together and provide opportunities for the candidates to sign up for volunteer hours throughout the upcoming year. Candidates are often able to secure all their service opportunities at a Ministry (Service) Night. This year’s Ministry (Service) Night is scheduled for **Sunday October 7, 2018 at 7:00pm**. In addition to helping the candidates fulfill their requirements, the community is greatly served with these candidates’ volunteer hours.

### ➤ **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 [www.myhnpj.org/confirmation](http://www.myhnpj.org/confirmation) and are due in class on **March 13, 2019**.

### ➤ **Confirmation Retreat**

- 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 a retreat for the following date: **Saturday March 30, 2019**. Attendance is mandatory. Additional Details to follow.

### ➤ **Confirmation Rehearsal**

- Our Confirmation Rehearsal has been scheduled for **Wednesday April 10, 2019 at 7:00pm** 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 **Friday April 12 at 5:30pm**. 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: Modest.
- 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 <http://rmd.at/7efff2> and download the Remind mobile app. This is a great way to keep in touch! Subscribe or unsubscribe at anytime!

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.