

Students seeking Confirmation are committing to the following:

1. Attending their monthly class to further learn about the faith tradition to which they are committing. Students who are ill or unable to attend an on-ground session can do the online lessons for that month. Students with excessive absences will meet with coordinator to catch-up and discuss material missed.
2. Attending a confirmation retreat during the winter (Date TBD) to reflect on their personal faith journey. Parents are invited to attend a separate meeting during the same time.
3. Attending Mass regularly, as this is the core of the Catholic religion to which they are committing. Attending as a family is an important way of modeling a dependence faith, connection with parish, and commitment to a time of gratitude and reflection. Students will be asked to briefly reflect on the each week's homily in their Confirmation Journals (to be signed by a parent and returned at each monthly meeting). Mass is also live-streamed on St John Bosco Facebook page.
4. Engaging for at least 10 documented hours in any church ministry (list provided). A log will be submitted and discussed at the closing meeting with Father just before Confirmation.
5. Thoughtfully choosing and corresponding with a confirmation sponsor. A sponsor may be any relative or responsible adult **other than a parent or guardian** who is a confirmed Catholic in good standing with the Church (those who are not parishioners of St John Bosco must obtain a Sponsor Certificate from his/her own church and submit by Nov 1, 2020).
6. Thoughtfully choosing a saint's name to adopt when confirmed. Students will research, discuss, and share in writing why he/she chose this saint.
7. Writing a letter to the Archbishop expressing his/her desire to be confirmed, the reasons behind this decision, and intentions as a Catholic parishioner moving forward.
8. Providing documentation of the sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion if made at any church other than St John Bosco **by November 1, 2020**.
9. Participating in Reconciliation each year and reflecting on this experience in their faith journal.
10. Meeting individually with the parish priest and Coordinator of Confirmation during two-year program.
Entrance Meeting (1st yr- November): Students will share their basic knowledge of the faith and their desire to be confirmed. They will be encouraged to share any questions, concerns, or individual hopes as they enter this special time in their faith journey.

Exit meeting (2nd yr -Mar): Students will share their understanding of the sacrament of Confirmation and discuss how they intend to continue growing in the faith and contributing to the parish community.

Commitment to the Confirmation Program at St John Bosco Parish 2020-2021:

Student

I have read the above requirements, reflected on my intention and ability to fulfill them, and decided to make a commitment to this special sacrament.

I understand that I am encouraged to seek the guidance and counsel of my faith formation coordinator, youth minister, or parish priests if I struggle with my commitment to the process, requirements, or faith.

I also acknowledge that I come to this program by my own intention and willingness to commit to my faith.

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Guardian

I have read and happily support my child's commitment to the above requirements.

To the best of my ability, I will help support my child's commitment to his/her sacrament of confirmation by arranging for his/her attendance at class, retreats, Mass, and volunteer opportunities.

I realize there is support and guidance for me from the youth minister, parish priests, or Spiritual Director at St John Bosco if I'm struggling to support my child in this commitment or struggling in my own faith journey.

I acknowledge that I'm invited to renew and strengthen my own faith journey along with my child during his/her important sacrament.

Parent/guardian signature: _____