



Students seeking Confirmation are committing to the following during Year I:

1. **8th Grade Faith Check:** Successful completion of a pre-confirmation assessment in the spring of gr 8.
2. **Confirmation Class:** Attendance at the monthly 2-hr class exploring the faith tradition to which they are committing. Students missing more than two classes will meet with coordinator to discuss material. Parents are asked to attend the first 10 minutes of every 9th gr class and last 10 minutes of 10th gr class.
3. **Monthly Ministry/Service:** Participation in 2 hours of any parish ministry of their choice per month in addition to their class. This ministry will support them in their personal spiritual growth and service. Hours and participation will be documented in the monthly, signed reflection page and log. Each student's log will be shared at the closing meeting with Father just before Confirmation.
4. **Mass:** Regularly attendance at Mass is expected 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 on faith, connection with parish, and commitment to a time for prayer. Students are to submit a comment/question slip to the Church Offertory at least twice a month reflecting on the readings or homily. The priests will respond to these comments/questions in the class sessions.
5. **Confirmation Sponsor Selection:** each teen will choose and correspond with his/her sponsor. A sponsor may be any relative or responsible adult over the age of 16 **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). The candidate will interview his/her sponsor and submit the written responses in the winter of Year I.
6. **Saint Selection:** each teen will choose a saint's name to adopt when confirmed. Students will research, discuss, and share in writing why he/she chose this saint in the spring of Year I
7. **Sacrament Documentation:** Providing documentation of the sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, and First Holy Communion if made at any church other than St John Bosco **upon registration.**

Students are invited into Year II for the reception of the Confirmation after meeting all of the above requirements. In Year II, they commit to attending class and Mass, fulfilling service, and the following:

8. **Confirmation Retreat:** Participation in the confirmation retreat and reconciliation service during the winter before their confirmation. They will reflect on their personal growth, prayer life, and commitment to confirmation. They will also write a letter to the archbishop expressing their desire to be confirmed, the reasons behind this decision, and intentions as Catholic parishioner moving forward.
9. Independent study of chosen topic/interest on which they will work with mentor and share with class.
10. **Meeting with the parish priest: Individual Exit meeting:** Students will share their understanding of, and desire for, the sacrament of Confirmation and their intentions to continue growing in the faith, serving others, and participating in parish life with the parish priest.

Commitment to the Confirmation Program at St John Bosco Parish 2022-2023:

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 questions in the 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 fully 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: _____

****** I am interested in being contacted about helping/volunteering in the Confirmation Program as my schedule allows (help with retreat and classes, check-in/attendance, assistant to catechists, mentor for teens) (Yes/No)

Email/cell for contact: _____