

CONFIRMATION

2017-2018 REGISTRATION FORM

A. Eligibility Requirements:

Candidates for Confirmation must be in at least the 8th grade, AND be enrolled in a Catholic school, in Generations of Faith (the parish religious education/faith formation program) or religious education at another Catholic parish.

B. Confirmation Specifics:

Confirmation is a major step in the life of every Catholic Christian, and we do our best to make sure that young people are challenged and informed so that they can wisely choose to stand before the bishop and declare their faith.

We begin with a Parent & Candidate Meeting, where we introduce the program and challenge the candidates to give serious thought as to whether they are ready to take the next step in completing their Christian Initiation through the sacrament of Confirmation. We also talk about administrative details like participation requirements, choosing Sponsors and Confirmation names, and we introduce the candidates to their small group leaders.

Over the following 2-3 months, one or more catechists, along with the young adults who serve as small group leaders, lead the candidates through the lessons, sharing their faith with the candidates along the way. These sessions are **required** for candidates, but parents and sponsors are welcome to attend as well. Candidates missing any sessions must make up the work missed.

At the end of each class the candidates are given materials to help them prepare for the next session. It is not “homework,” but “heart-work”—reading a few Scripture passages, reflecting on them and answering a few questions. It is important for candidates to do this preparatory work, as it forms the basis for small group discussions during the next class.

Throughout the program we also encourage the candidates to participate in our “Sacrifice Challenge,” where we ask them to give up some of their own money—surrender a candy bar or a soda pop each week—to help those in need. We do this in place of requiring service hours, which are often required for involvement in many other activities and can be difficult to fulfill.

The final step in the process is our retreat, lasting several hours and held a week or more before the celebration of the sacrament. This **mandatory** event is for candidates **only**, and is an opportunity for them to pray, learn and grow further in their faith.

A week or so before the Confirmation liturgy, we have a rehearsal for candidates (and those sponsors who are able **[not required!]** to attend) which usually lasts about 45 minutes. We “walk through” the entire Confirmation liturgy so that there are no surprises at the time of the actual celebration.

As a side note, we are always looking for adults/parents to work with the leadership team. Such work could be as simple as supervising the snack time or as involved as joining the leadership team to help plan the sessions. If you are looking for a way to “help out,” just let us know!

2017-2018 Confirmation Schedule

PARENTS & CANDIDATES MEETING	MONDAY, JANUARY 8	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 1	MONDAY, JANUARY 15	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 2	MONDAY, JANUARY 22	7:00-9:00 PM
GENERATIONS OF FAITH	MON OR TUES, JAN. 29/30	6:00-8:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 3	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 5	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 4	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 5	MONDAY, FEBRUARY 26	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 6	MONDAY, MARCH 5	7:00-9:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 7	MONDAY, MARCH 12	7:00-9:00 PM
GENERATIONS OF FAITH	MON OR TUES, MARCH 19/20	6:00-8:00 PM
CANDIDATES LESSON 8	MONDAY, MARCH 26	7:00-9:00 PM
DAY OF PRAYER (RETREAT)	TBD	10:30 AM—5:00 PM
REHEARSAL	TBD	TBD
CELEBRATION	TBD	4:00 PM MASS

OFFICE USE PAPERWORK: Bapt. Cert. or Res. _____ (verify and initial) Records Form Sponsor Letter
 ATTENDANCE: Meeting 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 Day of Prayer
 FEES PAID: Date _____ Amt. _____ Cash Check # _____ DB

Read ALL the information on the previous pages BEFORE filling in the form below!

PLEASE NOTE!

1. If the candidate was baptized in a parish other than Resurrection (Canton, Michigan), a copy of the baptismal certificate MUST be turned in with this registration form.
2. Forms submitted without baptismal certificates will be RETURNED without being processed.
3. Baptismal certificates turned in previously (for First Eucharist, for example) were not kept on file. A new copy of the certificate MUST be turned in with this form.
4. Certificates are NOT needed for those baptized here at Resurrection.

1. Confirmation Candidate Information: (use a separate form for each candidate!)

Last name _____ First name _____
 Church of candidate's baptism _____ Date of baptism _____
 Address of Church of baptism _____

Parent Information:

Father's First Name _____ Father's last name _____
 Mother's First Name _____ Mother's **maiden*** name _____
*last name **before** marriage
 Address _____ City _____ Zip _____
 Home Phone (_____) _____ Cell Phone (_____) _____
 Parent Email Address (print clearly!) _____ & _____

- 3. Covenant:** The parish will provide a preparation process which includes a variety of learning opportunities in addition to prayer and guidance. For their part, parents and candidate agree that: 1) Parent(s) and Candidate will attend the "Parent & Candidate" meeting, 2) Required paperwork will be turned in by the deadlines (details given at "Parent & Candidate" meeting), 3) Candidate will do all preparation work assigned, and 4) Candidates will attend **all** sessions, the retreat and rehearsal. (See the schedule for details.)

By signing below, we agree to participate fully in the preparation process and to fulfill these expectations.

Parent Signature _____

Candidate Signature _____

4. Fees: Early Registration (before deadline*) \$25 per candidate
 Late Registration (after deadline*) \$50 per candidate
 TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED \$ _____

*Return this form, along with appropriate fee, to the Parish Office (drop off or mail) by September 26