

Confirmation for Catholic School Students

The Sacrament of Confirmation is the sacrament that celebrates the presence of God's special strength and gifts in a baptized person. This is a sacrament of initiation and a community celebration. For the candidate, this sacrament will strengthen them in the life of the Holy Spirit by giving them the gifts of wisdom, understanding, judgment, courage, knowledge, love and reverence for God. The candidates for confirmation will be required to do the following:

1. Attend all preparation classes as part of our Parish School of Religion. If the candidate attends a Public School or a Private School that is not Catholic Students must attend 3 Life Nights in the Fall Semester and 3 Life Nights in the Spring semester.
2. If a class is missed the student must have a written excuse.
3. All confirmation classes that are missed must be made up. Student must contact DRE and schedule a day to make up the class. If the class is not made up the student cannot confirm.
4. Candidates must sign the attendance chart each class.
5. All candidates must read and complete the chapter questions assigned for each class. The answers will be turned in at the start of each class.
6. All candidates will need to turn in a Sponsor form and verification of Confirmation of chosen sponsor by November 18.
7. All candidates and parents must attend the first Confirmation class together. This is a vital role in our Confirmation program and it is mandatory.
8. Sponsors will need to attend the designated sponsor Confirmation class. Please look on calendar for date. (If they live out of town a parent may take the place.)
9. All Candidates must help decorate the church for Christmas and take down decorations.
10. All Candidates must help decorate the church for Easter.
11. All candidates must attend at least one retreat during the PSR Calendar year. The calendar year begins in August and ends in April.
12. There will be a Life Teen retreat that the Church will put on. Candidates are encouraged to attend, but they may attend any out of parish Catholic Retreat.
13. If a student chooses to attend an out of Parish retreat, he or she will need to pick up an out of parish retreat form. The form must be turned in on the last day of Confirmation class. If a candidate does not make this requirement, he or she will not be allowed to be confirmed.

14. It is mandatory that candidates participate in the Easter Triduum (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Vigil Mass) at St. Genevieve Catholic Church. Candidates must check in with DRE in front of the church for each service. If you do not check in it will count as unattended.
15. At the completion of the Confirmation program, candidates will be required to submit a Confirmation Request letter, which will be given to the pastor stating their reasons why they wish to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. This letter is required in order to receive the Sacrament.
16. Candidates and sponsors must attend practice for the Confirmation Ceremony. (If sponsor is not available parent can be replacement.)

Failure to complete all of the requirements listed above will result in the dismissal of that candidate from our Parish School of Religion (PSR) and will not be permitted to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation for that year.

Dress Code for Confirmation:

Male: Button down dress shirt, tie or bow tie, dress belt, dress pants, dress socks, dress shoes. Dress jackets and suits are encouraged but not required. NO JEANS, NO SHORTS, NO CASUAL SHOES or ATHLETIC SHOES.

Female: Must wear a dress. Dress must be below the knee. Dress must have straps that are at least three inches thick. Dress shoes with a back must be worn.

Dress Code for Easter Triduum Masses and Services:

Male: Button down dress shirt, or collared shirt, dress pants, dress socks, dress shoes.. NO JEANS, NO SHORTS, NO CASUAL SHOES or ATHLETIC SHOES.

Female: Must wear a dress or dress pants and dress shirt. Dress must be below or at the knee. If dress is shorter it can be worn with leggings. Dress must have straps that are at least three inches thick. Dress shoes must be worn.