

# OVERVIEW OF CONFIRMATION PROGRAM

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*“From the time of the apostles, becoming a Christian has been accomplished by a journey and initiation in several stages—so as we invite...people to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, we must help them recognize and accept the responsibility of fully belonging to, and supporting, the Catholic Church.” (US Catholic Catechism for Catholic Adults)*

*“Confirmation marks a unique moment in a person’s when one is invited to grow in faith and, through the power of the Holy Spirit, embrace a new maturity where all that has gone before takes on richer and deeper meaning further forming one as a faithful disciple, grateful steward, and active evangelist of the Risen Christ.”*

## Program Principles

- It is an opportunity for candidates to grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ by learning more about Scripture and the teachings of the Catholic Church, being involved in works of service, and participating in prayer and retreat opportunities.
- Program is based on the Archdiocese of Seattle guidelines and policies.
- All persons high school or older are welcome to participate (exceptions can be made based on the Pastor’s approval)
- The Confirmation Team will oversee the coordination and implementation of the program
- A candidate can choose to leave the program at any time if it is not meeting their needs and/or choose not to be confirmed if she/he is not ready
- After adequate preparation each candidate will participate in a discernment process to help determine if he/she are ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Candidates will be responsible for meeting the requirements of the program, including attending the classes, participating in the retreats, engage in a variety of service opportunities that are offered, and complete the reading and journaling expectations during the program.

## Overview of Program

- Each candidate meets with the Confirmation Coordinator for an initial interview before the program begins. Interviews are generally about a half an hour.
- Classes take place on **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm** in the Pastoral Center.
- Prayer, announcements, and presentations will be in a large group setting but small faith sharing groups will be age appropriate: youth and adults meeting in separate groups.
- There are two required all- day retreats (*including 5:30 PM Mass*) on a Saturday for all **youth** participants in the Walmesley Center.
- There is a required all-day retreat for the **adult** participants on a Saturday in the Walmesley Center.

- Candidates are required to participate in at least one of the many service opportunities in the parish that are offered.
- Candidates are required to participate in at least one pastoral opportunities the Pastor or another staff member (such as baptisms, funerals, weddings, a prayer service for one of our senior communities, etc.).
- Sponsors are encouraged to attend as many of the classes as possible with their candidate.
- Candidates will be asked to participate in a discernment interview with a member of the Confirmation team prior to the Confirmation celebration to discern his/her readiness for the sacrament.

### **Administrative Details**

- Registration Form needs to be completed
- \$125 Materials & Supply Fee (scholarships available)
- A copy of your baptism certificate, with First Communion noted, needs to be collected