

# St. Rose Confirmation Requirements

## 1. Registration

a) You may find Confirmation information on our website [www.strosepdx.org](http://www.strosepdx.org), located under "Sacramental Preparation" under the Resource, or pick up a registration form in the office.

b) First year Confirmands will be required to participate in Youth Sunday/HS Youth Ministry before continuing into Year 2 formal Confirmation curriculum. Attached is the registration for Youth Ministry; all other information pertinent to Confirmation will be given out at our Parent Meeting in October.

c) St. Rose has adopted a new way of communicating. We now have a tool that will make it much easier to get parents/Confirmandi like you the information you need—quickly. It's powered by a service called **Flocknote**. Here are the log-in instructions:

- Just text the letters **strosepdx** to the 5-digit phone number 84576. **Strosepdx** is all one word, no spaces. And make sure your auto-spelling-corrector on your phone doesn't mistakenly change the text.
- Flocknote will text you a confirmation message AND another message with a link you'll need to click to complete the process. In doing so, you'll choose any ministry(ies) you're involved with or groups you want to hear from.

You can also visit [Flocknote.com](http://Flocknote.com) and click the "Log In" button at the

top of the page and follow the prompts to create your account. There is also an app for your mobile device.

d) A “Password” protected link of our Confirmation website on [www.strosepdx.org](http://www.strosepdx.org) will be sent to each parent/candidate where they will be able to access photos, videos, calendar and a message board to keep up to date with activities.

## **2. Sessions**

Sessions will consist of Youth Ministry in Year 1 and formal catechesis in Year 2. A master calendar is included in this information as well as on our Confirmation website so candidates can identify dates and times of all classes.

\* **Youth Ministry:** Year 1 candidates will engage actively in the youth-led Mass and Youth Group during Youth Sunday, the 3rd Sunday of every month. We recognize that there is development and maturity differences between grades 8th and the high school grades, youth group will be divided based on grade levels with 8th grade engaging and continue being leaders in the middle school area of Children’s Ministry and high school in their respective youth group.

\* **Format:** Year 2 curriculum are designed to not only teach the information needed for the Sacrament but to cultivate the faith to each candidate in a personal way. We will be using Matthew Kelly’s Decision Point Confirmation Series as our primary resource but will also be using various other resources (Chosen, OneEight, YouCat) so that the candidates will gain a comprehensive and diverse knowledge of our Catholic faith and what Confirmation truly means.

\* **Attendance:** All youth are required to attend Youth Sunday activities

during Year 1 and every class session in Year 2. If you must miss a class session it is the candidate's responsibility to contact the catechist beforehand. If too many sessions are missed there will need to be a one-on-one meeting with Fr. Matt and catechist to discuss ways of making the necessary classes up or if Confirmation should be delayed for the candidate at this time.

### **3. Sunday Mass**

The Mass is the source and summit of our Catholic faith, and all candidates, parents and sponsors are expected to attend Mass every Sunday (or Saturday vigil) and Holy Days of obligation. Candidates must attend the 10:30am mass on the 3rd Sunday of each month for our Youth Mass.

### **4. Retreats/Rally**

\* **Retreat:** Why a retreat? God uses time when we take a break from our everyday lives and distractions to communicate with and reveal himself to us. Jesus would often go off by himself to pray and be with God. We will be having two NET Retreats, one per year in February, a Candidate/ Sponsor mini-retreat during our second year. We are hoping that experiencing multiple retreats during this two year preparation that their personal relationship with God is transformative and deepened. We also hope that by each candidate will encounter Christ in a new way and bond with each other through activities, prayer, small groups and talks. Mark your calendars for the whole day on February 23, 2019 for our first NET Retreat. More information will follow.

\* **Rally:** Candidates will be required to attend the Rise-Up Rally in each year of the 2-year preparation. The rally is held in March of every year; the date for the 2019 rally has not been decided. What is the Rise Up

Rally? A day long gathering of youth from all across the diocese and it is AMAZING! More details will follow.

## **5. Service**

These are just a few of the service activities that we will be doing over the course of our Confirmation journey and we encourage all candidates to volunteer in any of the church ministries. You will find a list of St. Rose ministries and their contact information on our website. It is our hope that each candidate learn and become fully involved with St. Rose - We need you!

- \* St. Vincent de Paul Food Drive: Dates to follow
- \* Disabilities mass and social
- \* Hospitality (Greeting, Coffee & Donuts)
- \* Participating in Youth Sunday Mass

## **6. Select a Sponsor and Confirmation (Patron Saint) Name**

Each Confirmation Year 2 candidate will need to select a “patron saint” as their Confirmation name and a sponsor who meets the requirements.

\* **Choosing a Saint:** All candidates will be asked to spend some time thinking and praying about a saint to choose as their patron for their life and write a brief essay on this saint. Confirmation saints should be a person they want to be like that teaches them something about how to live as a Christian. These saints then become someone prays for them from heaven for the rest of their lives. Youth should desire to be like their saint!

\* **Choosing your sponsor:** Sponsors must be at least 16 years of age, baptized and confirmed, an active and practicing Catholic and someone other than father and mother. There are members of our parish who

would be honored to be a “mentor” and sponsor to the candidate if they so desire. Besides cultivating a faith-enriched relationship with their candidates, sponsors are asked to attend Mass with their candidate as often as possible and be with them as a guide on this journey. Only one sponsor is required for Confirmation and the sponsor may be of either sex. Sponsors will need to attend the Confirmation rehearsal and the Confirmation Rite. If, for some reason, the sponsor is unable to attend any of the required events, then we will work together to find an appropriate proxy.

## **7. Letter to Bishop**

Each candidate in Year 2 is required to present a well-written, typed letter explaining what Confirmation means to them personally and why they wish to be confirmed. The purpose of this letter is to help clarify what is happening in their faith journey. We will send the letters to the office of Bishop Peter Smith in June 2019. Candidates will learn more about this during the classes and as their journey progresses.

## **8. Confirmation Date**

To be announced. Confirmation dates are set by the bishops and their schedules in the fall of each year. While we cannot confirm the date yet, it will be after Easter 2019 and we are aiming for May or June here at St. Rose. Parishes typically submit potential dates and are often asked to combine with neighboring parishes or vicariates depending on the number of candidates. The bishops then determine the date each parish/vicariate will be. We will let you know as soon as possible for planning purposes.

## **9. Miscellaneous**

\* Please, “Like” us on Facebook and “Follow” us on Twitter and Instagram (@strosepdx), and register with the app Flocknote

## **10. Confirmation Fees**

To help facilitate our Confirmation program the following fees apply:  
\$20 for Youth Ministry: Year 1 and \$55 for Curriculum: Year 2. Please contact the parish office for more information.