

Confirmation Requirements

Overview:

- Registration forms completed
- Baptismal and First Communion Certificates (copy)
- Two years of Faith Formation Programming
- Sponsor
- Faith Sharing Reflections
- Saint
- Two Retreats
- Class Attendance
- Regular Mass Attendance
- Notice of Confirmation
- 20 hours of Community Service
- Confirmation Rehearsal
- Parent Participation

Registration Forms and Fees:

All participants in the St Therese Confirmation program must be registered in the program. All appropriate forms must be on record for each participant so we have an accurate record. A fee of \$100.00 per child covers the cost of the classroom part of the program. (Scholarships are available – Please contact the Faith Formation Office)

Baptismal Certificate:

A copy of every child's baptismal and First Communion certificate must be on record at the time of registration. If you were baptized and/or received First Holy Communion at St Therese, please let us know and provide us with the dates. If you need help obtaining a new copy of a lost baptismal certificate or first communion certificate please call the Faith Formation Office and we will try to help you.

Two Years of Faith Formation Programming:

Participation in two years of Faith Formation is required. If you did not attend St Therese last year but participated in Faith Formation at another parish, we will need a letter from that parish stating that you were an active participant in their program.

Sponsor:

You will need to choose a sponsor who will help lead you through the Confirmation Process. Your sponsor needs to be at least 16 years of age, Confirmed, and a practicing Catholic in good standing. You may choose a relative, but not one of your parents. It is not necessary to choose someone who lives locally, but you will need to choose someone you are able to contact easily and with whom you have a close relationship. If your sponsor is not a member of St Therese, a sponsor letter is required from the sponsor's home parish.

Faith Sharing Reflections:

The purpose of these Reflections is to provide you and your sponsor the opportunity to reflect on the process of your preparation for Confirmation.

Saint:

You will be asked to choose a saint name to use at the reception of your Sacrament. The saint should hold personal significance to you. You need to be able to explain why you chose your saint for Confirmation during your interview in the spring.

Retreats:

Attendance at our two retreats one in fall 2016 and the other in spring 2017, **are mandatory**.

Class Attendance:

Attendance at Confirmation Class is essential. Most of our classes are interactive and are difficult to make up. If you miss over four classes you will be asked to contact the faith formation office to discuss options.

Regular Mass Attendance:

Regular Sunday mass attendance is the basis of this program, as our classroom discussion is based on the Scriptures of the week. We encourage you to attend the Sunday 5:30pm Mass.

Notice of Confirmation:

You will need to turn in to the Faith Formation Office a **completed** Notice of Confirmation form. This form is due by January 15th, 2017. A copy of your sponsor letter must be attached to this form if your sponsor is not a registered member of St Therese.

Interview:

Most interviews will take place during the spring retreat. You will sit with one of the catechist and talk about your confirmation preparation.

20 Hours of Community Service:

The program requires twenty hours of community service. Approximately half of these hours will be built into our program with nursing home visits, 5th Street Ministries, etc. Other opportunities will come up throughout the year. Look for Knight's of Columbus Pumpkin sale, Habitat, Operation Christmas Child, and many more. An acceptable service hour is one that is helping others in your community, church or school. Babysitting is not a service hour unless it is served at the church or during a community event. **VBS and/or helping with the summer Faith Formation sessions will NOT qualify for confirmation service hours.**

Confirmation Rehearsal:

There will be a rehearsal prior to the Confirmation Rite. You and your sponsor or someone to stand in for your sponsor will need to be present at this practice. The date will not be determined until the Bishop's office provides us with a date for the Confirmation Mass.

Parent Participation:

We have five parent sessions scheduled for this confirmation year. The sessions are scheduled during class time from 7-8:30pm. Parent will meet in the multipurpose room while their children are in class. Make sure to sign in when you attend these classes. This is an important part of the confirmation process.