

Confirmation Packet 2017-2018

Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church

Includes the following:

Sacrament of Confirmation Registration—Due Sept 1st

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SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION 2017-2018

All registration forms are due to the Blessed Sacrament Church office ON OR BEFORE Monday, September 1, 2017**
Classes begin September 19th @ 6:30-8:00pm. Parent/Student meetings are on Sept 5th and Sept 12th. Choose one.

Candidate Information

Candidate Name (Name must match baptismal certificate EXACTLY):

_____ Name you go by: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Age AS OF April 2018: _____

Address (Include city, State, Zip): _____

Candidate phone: _____ Candidate Email: _____

School Attending: _____ Grade (must be at least 10th grade): _____

One year of High School Faith Formation is required to begin Sacramental preparation. Please list the youth program or Catholic School the Candidate attended during the 2016-2017 school year on the line below:

Parent Information

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Mailing Address (Include city, State, Zip): _____

Primary Phone: _____ Secondary Phone: _____

Primary Email Address(s): _____

Additional Information

Church of Baptism: _____ Date of Baptism: _____

Confirmation Name: _____

(Choose a meaningful saint name or you may keep your own Christian name – NOT required at this time)

Confirmation Sponsor's Name: _____

(Sponsor must be a full and active participant in the Catholic Church, at least 16 years old, and not a candidate's parent)

Sponsor's Phone Number: _____ Sponsor's Email: _____

**** The program fee is \$30. All Candidates MUST turn in the original Baptismal Certificate and First Communion Certificate at the parent meeting on Sept 5th or 12th.**

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Program Fee: \$30.00

Paid: Cash / Check # _____

Date Received: _____

Confirmation Preparation Commitment

Preparation for this Sacrament is an important element to understanding our faith and what we commit to as confirmed Catholics. It is essential for each Confirmation candidate and their parent(s) to know and understand all that is required during this process. [Please carefully read over the requirements and other important information and sign below.](#)

The requirements include:

- Parents, candidates and sponsors must turn in all the required registration and verification paperwork, completely filled out, by the assigned dates.
- Candidates must attend classes, not missing any more than **two**, as well as the Confirmation retreats (both the day retreat in the Fall and the Spring).
- If a candidate misses more than two classes, it is his/her responsibility to acquire the writing assignment from the Confirmation Director. The assignment must be turned in within two weeks of the absence.
- Candidates must pass the assessment interview by the assigned time, thereby demonstrating a base knowledge of the faith necessary for living out the mission of Confirmation.
- Candidates must complete of 15 hours of community service OR an approved service project for Blessed Sacrament. A copy of all service hour records must be submitted at least *three weeks prior* to the Rite of Confirmation.
- Candidates must complete a 1 page paper on the Saint name chosen. Paper must be submitted by the **February 6th** class.
- Candidates must attend faith formation in conjunction with Sacramental preparation.
- Candidates must attend Mass EVERY Sunday (or Saturday vigil) as well as Holy Days of Obligation.

Other important information:

- The Confirmation Retreat is Mandatory and will require a retreat fee not to exceed \$80.
- Each parish is assigned a specific date for the Rite of Confirmation. Therefore, we will not know the date Blessed Sacrament has been assigned until we are contacted by the Archdiocese.

By signing below you indicate your acknowledgement and understanding of the requirements and important information listed above and agree to fulfill any and all obligations for this class.

This form is due September 12th, 2017.

Candidate Name (***Print and Sign***) _____ Date _____

Parent Name (***Print and Sign***) _____ Date _____

Parent Name (***Print and Sign***) _____ Date _____

SPONSOR FORM

Sponsors, please plan to attend a meeting on Oct 3rd with your candidate.

SPONSOR'S NAME _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

NAME OF CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE _____
FIRST MIDDLE LAST

SPONSOR'S ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIPCODE _____

COUNTRY _____

SPONSOR'S PHONE # _____

I am a practicing Catholic in both word and deed: Yes No

I am a fully initiated Catholic (I have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation)

Yes No

I am single married divorced widowed.

If married, were you married in the Catholic Church? Yes No

If you answered "no" to any of the above statements, you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.

I attend Mass: Weekly Every other week Once a month Occasionally Never

If you do not attend Mass on a weekly basis, you are ineligible to be a sponsor at this time.

Name of home parish: _____

Street address: _____ City/State: _____

Zip Code: _____ (Arch) Diocese: _____

I am a registered parishioner: Yes No

Name of Pastor: _____

"Pastors must ascertain the spiritual qualifications of sponsors. The sponsor for any candidate may be male or female and is to be sufficiently mature, a practicing Catholic, who has him/herself been confirmed and has not been prohibited by law from exercising the role of sponsor. One of the Baptismal sponsors is not only allowed, but is in fact desired as the Confirmation sponsor, so as to emphasize the relationship between Baptism and Confirmation." (Canon 893) This person is an active witness of the Catholic faith in both word and deed, and is able to perform the duties of a Confirmation Sponsor.

Affix Church Seal _____

Pastor's Signature

Date: ____/____/____

REQUIREMENTS OF THE SPONSOR

In order to be a sponsor at this time, the following requirements must be met:

- A Sponsor must have received all the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation).
- If married, a sponsor must be married in the Catholic Church.
- As sponsor must be a practicing Catholic, who is “not less than sixteen years of age, unless a different age has been stipulated by the diocesan Bishop or unless the parish priest of the minister considers that there is a just reason for an exception to be made.” Code of Canon Law 874
- He or she may not be the candidate’s mother or father. A godparent is a good choice.
- The sponsor must have the intention of fulfilling the duties of a sponsor.
- The sponsor should be a person who is prayerful, open, dependable, loving and is comfortable sharing his or her faith with young people.

THE ROLE OF THE SPONSOR

The Sponsor represents the support and prayers of the entire Church. He or she will be the candidate's "spiritual friend". In this program, the following is asked of the sponsor:

- Attend Confirmation classes when invited
- Meet with the candidate regularly throughout this year of preparation and to discuss the topics addressed in the preparation sessions
- Share his/her faith story with the candidate
- Pray for and with the candidate
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal and Liturgy
- Present the candidate during the Liturgy of Confirmation
- Continue to lend spiritual support even after the Confirmation is over.

Blessed Sacrament Confirmation Program 2017-2018



CHOSEN

YOUR JOURNEY TOWARD CONFIRMATION

September 5th Parent/Student meeting-- Mandatory	Jan 9 th When did my journey begin?
OR ----September 12th Parent/Student meeting-- Mandatory	Jan 16 th Sacraments of healing
Sept 19 th Why am I here?	Jan 23 rd Sacraments of service
Sept 26 th What makes me happy?	Jan 30 th The Holy Spirit
Oct 3 rd Sponsor/Candidate meeting	Feb 6 th The Holy Spirit Part 2 Saint Paper Due
Oct 10 th What's your story God?	Feb 13 th Lent Q&A
Oct 17 th How do I know God is real?	Feb 20 th A walk through the Mass
Oct 24 th Who is Jesus?	Feb 27 th Why have I been chosen?
Oct 28 th Day Retreat 10am-5pm "Are you talking to me?"	March 1-9 Interviews TBA
Oct 31 st Saints	March 6 th Who is Mary
Nov 7 th Why be Catholic?	March 13 th : No Class--Spring Break
Nov 14 th Where am I going?	March 20 th Living the Beatitudes
Nov 21 st No Class--Thanksgiving	March 27 th No Class--Holy Week
Nov 28 th How do I get there?	April 3 rd Works of Mercy
Dec 5 th Liturgical Year/ Advent	April 10 th Where do I go from here?
Dec 12 th : No Class--Study well for exams!	Confirmation Date TBA as soon as the Archdiocese contacts our office.

(Please see next page for important notes)

****All meetings are subject to change.***

Classes will be held in Room 202.

*****Candidates and their parents must attend ONLY ONE of the two mandatory meetings (September 5 or 12). The same information will be given both nights.***

- *Parents or sponsors are required to come to the classes which indicate "PARENT MEETING" or "SPONSOR MEETING". Candidates should ALSO attend.*
- *Candidates are only given two free absences. If they miss more than two, a make-up assignment is required for each of the following missed classes. Please plan accordingly.*
- *If you need a written letter to a coach, teacher, or other director in order to show that you have Confirmation classes on Tuesday evenings or mandatory retreats, please let Sr. Misty know.*
- *The Saturday Day Retreat on October 28th will count for TWO CLASSES.*
- *The Confirmation Retreat is Mandatory and will require a retreat fee not to exceed \$80.*
- *Each year, our parish is assigned a date for Confirmation by the Archdiocese of San Antonio. At this time, we only have an estimate (late April) for the date we will be assigned, however that could change. We should receive notification of our final assignment by late October.*