

Confirmation is...

1. A sacrament of Initiation - calling for a remembering and renewal of Baptism.
2. Rooted in the Trinity – remember God’s love, follow the person of Jesus, and live justly in the activity of the Spirit.
3. About discipleship and mission – drawing persons into the life, work and mission of the Church.
4. A celebration of the faith community – the responsibility of all the faithful to accept and use the diverse gifts for the kingdom of God.

Requirements

1. Participate in Mass regularly.
2. Participate in all Sunday sessions.
3. Participate in community and parish service activities (15 hours each year.)
4. Participate in 2 Confirmation Retreats each year.
5. Participation in other events or activities may be required.

"The faithful are born anew by Baptism, strengthened by the sacrament of Confirmation, and finally sustained by the food of eternal life in the Eucharist."
Rite of Confirmation

Faith Formation Confirmation Program

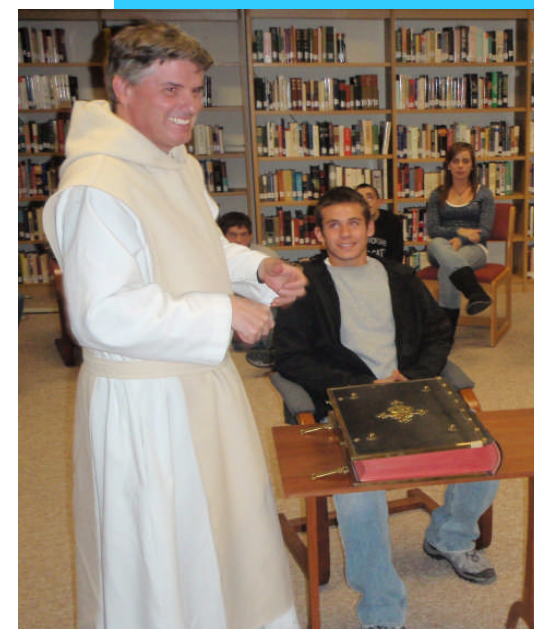
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Confirmation 2011-2012 2nd Year Candidate Guide



What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the sacraments of Initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist, and should always be closely linked with them. The sacrament has gone through a number of changes since it came into practice in the first century, but it remains, "an outward sign of an inner grace." It is truly God revealing Himself to us, particularly through the Bishop signing our forehead with the chrism oil and laying his hands on us.

"By the sacrament of Confirmation, the baptized are more perfectly bound to the Church and are enriched with a special strength of the Holy Spirit. Hence, they are, as true witnesses of Christ, more strictly obliged to spread and defend the faith by word and deed." - *Catechism of the Catholic Church*

The requirement for Confirmation in the Diocese of Pueblo is two years of preparation for youth. These years should include retreats, service experiences and doctrinal formation.

Schedule 2011-2012

Sept. 11- Parent Mtg. w/ Fr. John 7:15pm

***September 18**

September 28- Family Night (Service)

October 5- St. Francis Festival (Service)

***October 9**

October 23- FCE Hunger Banquet (Service)

All Saints Retreat IHM

October 29-30

Nov. 13- Alternative Christmas (Service)

***November 6**

Mother Cabrini Retreat Golden, CO

November 19-20

November 30- Communal Penance

December 4- Family Advent Festival 12

noon-3pm

December 14- Pageant (Service)

***January 8**

January 26- John Bosco Festival (Service)

NET Retreat IHM

January 29

***February 5**

February 22- Ash Wednesday

February 26- Family Lent Festival 12

noon-3pm

***March 4**

30 Hour Famine Retreat IHM

March 30-31

April 4- Living Last Supper (Service)

***April 15**

May 6- Confirmation (Tentative)

CLASS BEGINS AT 5 P.M. WE ATTEND 6P.M. MASS AND THEN HAVE CLASS UNTIL 8 P.M. Participation in the entire time block is mandatory.

2 RETREATS are required each year. One more option may be available.

December 4th & February 26th are REQUIRED EVENTS for teens AND FAMILY!

Youth need to choose a sponsor to walk the journey of confirmation preparation with them. The role of the sponsor is to pray and intercede for you, and be a role model by answering questions, introducing different aspects of the Catholic faith, and participating in certain components of the preparation process.

Your sponsor:

May not be your parent.

Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.

Ideally would be one of your Godparents.

Could be grandparents, aunts, uncles, friends of the family.

Someone in your parish community whose faith you respect.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Act as a prayer warrior on your behalf.

Meet once a month to share, discuss, and experience your Catholic faith with your youth.

Attend a Sponsor event with you before confirmation.

***An information form on who your sponsor is should have been completed no later than Oct. 1, 2011.**