

Fall 2010

Dear Candidate and Parents/Guardians:

Enclosed is the 2010 Registration Packet for St. Paul, St. Edward, and St. George's Confirmation Program. Please pay special attention to the Overview of Confirmation Program Requirements. If you or your children are interested in being Confirmed this Spring 2011, fill out the Confirmation Registration Form and prepare all necessary documents and registration fee.

The mandatory parent/candidate meeting is scheduled for Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at St. Edwards. At this meeting, we will outline and explain the Confirmation program and answer any initial questions. We are informing you now of this important date. Attendance at the meeting for both parents and candidates is required if a student is to be enrolled on the Confirmation roster.

If you have any questions regarding our Confirmation Program, please contact us at the numbers listed below.

We look forward to working with you during this holy time of your life.

May God Bless You and Your Family,

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**St. Paul, St. Edward, & St. George Catholic Churches, Seattle  
Confirmation Program Registration Form**

*Please bring this completed form, a copy of your baptismal certificate, the Confirmation patron saint form, and the \$30 registration fee to the mandatory parents and candidates meeting on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at St. Edward.*

**Confirmation Candidate's Full Name:**

First: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle: \_\_\_\_\_ Last: \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:**

House #/Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:**

Home: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade Level:** (2010-2011 term) \_\_\_\_\_

**Parish:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Attending:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian Name:**

Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Mother: \_\_\_\_\_

Legal Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent(s)/Guardian Emergency Contact Information:**

Home: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**Confirmation Candidate's Sponsor/God-Parent:**

Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: (     ) \_\_\_\_\_

Has the candidate received the Sacraments of: *(please circle Yes or No)*

**Baptism:** Yes    No        **Penance:** Yes    No        **First Communion:** Yes    No

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY:

Paid: Yes \_\_\_\_\_

Registration Fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Paid Check #: \_\_\_\_\_ Cash: \_\_\_\_\_

## CONFIRMATION PROGRAM 2010-2011 DRAFT SCHEDULE

DATE	TOPIC	TEACHER
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	--- Mandatory Parents & Candidates Meeting ---	
October 24 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
November 6/7	--- Archdiocesan Youth Convention at Bellevue College ---	
November 14 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
November 28 <sup>th</sup>	<i>THANKSGIVING WEEKEND – no session</i>	
December 5 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
December 26 <sup>th</sup>	<i>CHRISTMAS – no session</i>	
January 9 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
January 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBD	TBD
February 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
February 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
March 13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
March 27 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	TBD
May 1 <sup>st</sup>	TBD	TBD
Saturday, May 14 <sup>th</sup>	--- Day Long Retreat on St. George Campus ---	
TBD (sometime in May 2011)	--- Confirmation Rehearsal ---	
TBD (sometime in May 2011)	--- Confirmation Celebration ---	

<p>* All Confirmation sessions will be at St. Edward from 4:00pm – 5:30pm unless otherwise noted (or you are informed otherwise).</p>
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*Updated: August 13, 2010*

## St. Paul, St. Edward, & St. George Catholic Churches, Seattle Overview of Confirmation Program Requirements

**Confirmation requires full intention and willingness. A young person entering into this sacramental preparation process must be:**

- A baptized Catholic
- At least 16 years old or in the eleventh grade
- Willing to profess the Catholic faith
- Willing to take on the role of a disciple of Christ

The decision to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation is not one to be taken lightly, for it involves both Faith and commitment.

### Confirmation Requirements Overview

1. Classes
2. Retreat
3. Service
4. Sponsor (God-Parent)
5. Confirmation/Patron Saint Name
6. Documentation
7. Rehearsal and Celebration of the Sacrament

### **What are the requirements of the Confirmation preparation program?**

#### **1. Classes**

Classes are held usually every other Sunday from 4:00pm – 5:30pm at St. Edward, Seattle.

Each candidate and his/her parent will be asked to sign up to provide snacks and refreshments for *at least one* of the sessions, depending on number of candidates.

A more detailed schedule of classes, topics, and teachers will be given at the **Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> mandatory parents and candidates meeting from 4:00pm-5:30pm at St. Edwards.**

#### **2. Retreat**

The Confirmation Retreat will be Saturday, May 14, 2011. This all-day retreat is mandatory for all candidates.

Parents and Guardians, who have received Safe Environment Training, may serve as chaperones on this retreat.

Permission slips and more information on the retreat will soon follow.

### 3. Service

Being Confirmed in the Catholic Church means to follow Jesus Christ, serving as he served. Confirmation candidates are to complete 15 hours of community service (must not be paid to serve, and must interact with people)

### 4. Sponsor (God-Parent)

Each candidate is asked to choose a mentor from within the Catholic community to act as a sponsor during the Confirmation journey.

#### **Responsibilities of the Sponsor:**

“The sponsor is to take care that the confirmed person behaves as a true witness of Christ and faithfully fulfills the obligations inherent in this sacrament” (Code of Canon Law, 892)

- Pray for the candidate
- Ensure that the candidate participates fully in preparation for the sacrament (especially in faithfully attending Sunday Mass, Confirmation classes, and the retreat, completing the service hours/project, and receiving the Sacrament of Confession at least once between January 2011 and the celebration itself.
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal (Date TBD) and the Confirmation celebration (Date TBD by the Office of the Archbishop)

If for some *important reason*, the sponsor is not able to attend either the rehearsal or the celebration itself, the candidate must inform and name to the Confirmation Team a proxy to fill in for the Sponsor. However, the Sponsor (*not the proxy*) will be listed on the Confirmation Certificate and must still fulfill his/her obligations as the Sponsor.

#### **Sponsor selection guidelines:**

- A sponsor is a Confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old as of October 1, 2010
- A sponsor must be *active* in the Faith. Active participation means that the sponsor regularly attends Mass and is involved in the Parish life.
- Parents cannot be sponsors for their child.

### 5. Confirmation/Patron Saint Name

In Holy Scripture, a significant change in one's life is often reflected by taking a new name. For instance, God gave Abram the name Abraham when He promised to make him the father of many nations. Christ gave Simon the name Peter (“Rock”) when He promised to make Peter the rock on which He would build His Church.

Attached is the Confirmation Patron Saint Form. Choose the name of a saint that you connect to or aspire to imitate in some way. There are many resources available to learn about saints.

## **6. Documentation**

- Confirmation Program Registration Form with registration fee of \$30 (Contact the parish office if this is a concern. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.)
- Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- Confirmation Patron Saint Form
- Service Hours log

## **7. Rehearsal and Celebration of the Sacrament**

- Date, Time and Place of the Celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is still to be determined by the Archbishop's Office. Upon receiving that information, we will let you know when the celebration is.
- A rehearsal will be scheduled approximately a week before the celebration. All parents/guardians and sponsors (God-parents) must attend this rehearsal (if, for some reason, sponsors are not able to attend the rehearsal, a proxy must be named in their place and inform the sponsor of their important role in the celebration)

If you have any further questions or need clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact Father Anthony Davis at (206) 722-7888 or Deacon Sagato Pele at (206) 762-7744.

We look forward to working with you during this holy time of your life. Thank you.

May God bless you and your family.



## CONFIRMATION NAME FORM

**CANDIDATE FULL NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

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So today, we take on a name at our Baptism and again at our Confirmation. Confirmation, like the other Sacraments, is not a mere symbol. It effects a *real spiritual change*. Since you are truly a changed person in receiving the Sacrament, it is appropriate that you take on a new name.

Choose the name of a saint that you connect to or aspire to imitate in some way. There are many resources available to learn about saints.

Note that you may choose to use your baptismal name and not choose a saint as your confirmation name. You are still required to complete this form to research and explain your relationship to a particular saint that you wish to aspire or imitate in some way.

**SAINT CHOSEN:** \_\_\_\_\_

Below, and using the back page if needed, please write a brief paragraph about who this saint is and why you have chosen to take his/her name for your Confirmation name. Include the feast day of the saint and if he/she is the patron or patroness of anything. You may turn this form in at the meeting on Sunday, October 10<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at St. Edwards.