

South Seattle Catholic Parishes Overview of Confirmation Program 2018-2019 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.

What are the requirements of the Confirmation preparation program?

1. Gatherings

- Gatherings are held generally on Sundays from 3:30pm – 5:30pm at one of the parishes. Attached is a first draft of the schedule of all the gatherings.
- Attendance at the Inquiry / Kick-Off Gathering, the Confirmation Retreat, and the Confirmation Rehearsal, Mass & Celebration in the Spring (probably May) are required.
- A Candidate may not miss more than two Confirmation Classes. The candidate will be required to do a make up assignment for any missed classes.
- All candidates must (parents are highly encouraged) attend the Inquiry / Kick Off Gathering at St. Edwards.

2. Retreat

The Confirmation Retreat will be held on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 from 3:00 pm - 6:30 pm at St. Edward. This retreat is mandatory for all candidates. 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 minimum of community service at their parish or church community, whether it be as a liturgical minister, outreach, St. Vincent de Paul, or simply helping the parish office. There will also be a **Group Service Project** that the candidates will be required to participate in. More information will soon follow.

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 and the celebration itself.
- Attend the Confirmation rehearsal (Date TBD) and the Confirmation celebration (Date TBD by the Office of the Archbishop, but likely in May) in South Seattle.

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.

The Sponsor will need to fill out the Sponsor Affidavit of Eligibility Form. (Please give it to the candidate to turn in with all the required forms.)

Sponsor selection guidelines:

- A sponsor is a Confirmed Catholic, at least 16 years old as of October.
- 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. Required Documentation

to be turned in at the time of Inquiry/Kick-off Gathering, except for the service hours log, which is due before the Confirmation Mass.

- a) Confirmation Program Registration Form with registration fee of \$40 (Contact the parish office if this is a concern. No one will be turned away due to lack of funds.)
- b) Copy of Baptismal Certificate
- c) Confirmation Patron Saint Form
- d) Service Hours log
- e) Sponsor Affidavit of Eligibility Form (To be filled and signed by the candidate's sponsor.)
- f) Photo Release Form

7. 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. More information will soon be provided.

If you have any further questions or need clarifications, please do not hesitate to contact the Confirmation Coordinator: **Niña de Jesus** at **206-859-8902** or email **ninadejesus@icloud.com**

On behalf of Fr. Felino Paulino, the pastor of St. Paul, St. Edward, St. George, and St. Peter parishes, we look forward to working with you during this holy time of your life. May God bless you and your family during this exciting time of your life and for the Catholic Church! Thank you.

South Seattle Catholic Churches - Confirmation Class 2019

DATE	TITLE	TIME	PLACE
October 14, 2018	Inquiry / Kick-off: Why Do We Need Confirmation? An Introduction	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Hall
October 21, 2018	Confirmation Class: God Reveals Himself to Man	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
October 28, 2018	Confirmation Class: The History of Salvation	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
November 4, 2018	Confirmation Class: God Sends the Holy Spirit	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
November 11, 2018	Confirmation Class: The Church: Sacrament of Salvation	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
December 2, 2018	Confirmation Class: The Sacrament of Initiation: Baptism	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
December 9, 2018	Confirmation Class: The Sacrament of Initiation: Eucharist	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
TBD	GROUP SERVICE PROJECT	TBD	TBD
January 13, 2019	Confirmation Class: The Sacrament of Initiation: Confirmation	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
January 20, 2019	Confirmation Class: The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
January 27, 2019	Confirmation Class: Life in the Holy Spirit: Prayer	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
February 3, 2019	Confirmation Class: Life in the Holy Spirit: Holiness - #1	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
February 10, 2019	Confirmation Class: Life in the Holy Spirit: Holiness - #2	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
February 24, 2019	Confirmation Class: Life in the Holy Spirit: Witness	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
March 3, 2019	Confirmation Class: Life in the Holy Spirit: Serving Others	3:30 pm - 5:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
March 4 - May 4, 2019	INDIVIDUAL SERVICE PROJECTS - 15 hours minimum for each student - Record your hours on the Service Record Sheet		
May 5, 2019	Confirmation Retreat: The Sacrament of Confirmation and Living the Christian Life	3:00 pm - 6:30 pm	St. Edward Chapel
TBD	Confirmation Practice	TBD	TBD
TBD	Confirmation	TBD	TBD

South Seattle Catholic Churches
Confirmation Program Registration Form

Please bring this completed form, a copy of your baptismal certificate, the Confirmation patron saint form, and the \$40 registration fee to the Inquiry / Kick Off Gathering at St. Edward.

Confirmation Candidate Full Baptismal Name:

First: _____ Middle: _____ Last: _____

Address/Residence:

House #/Street: _____

City/State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: () _____ **Mobile Phone:** () _____

Email Address: _____

Please print clearly, as this email address will be used for primary method of contact

School: _____ **Parish:** _____

Age (at time of Confirmation, approx. May) : _____ **Date of Birth:** _____

Confirmation Saint Name: _____ (If you have decided *not to select* a Confirmation Saint Name and use your baptismal name instead, please write in "none." YOU MUST STILL COMPLETE THE CONFIRMATION SAINT NAME FORM)

Place & City of Baptism: _____ **Date of Baptism:** _____

Parish of Baptism and Full Address _____

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

Baptism: Yes No

Penance: Yes No

First Communion: Yes No

Parent(s)/Guardian Name:

Father: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Mother: First _____ Middle _____ Maiden _____ Last _____

Legal Guardian: First _____ Middle _____ Last _____

Parent(s)/Guardian Emergency Contact Information:

Home Phone: () _____ Work Phone: () _____

Mobile Phone: () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Please print clearly, as this will be used for primary method of contact

Confirmation Candidate's Sponsor/God-Parent:

Full Name: _____ Phone #: () _____

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY: Paid: Yes _____ Initial: _____
Registration Fee: \$40.00 Paid Check #: _____ Cash: _____

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Statement of Meeting the Requirements of Canon Law For Being a Confirmation Sponsor

From the Catholic Church's Code of Canon Law:

#893-1

To perform the role of sponsor [at Confirmation] it is necessary that a person fulfill the conditions mentioned in canon #874 [which outlines the requirements to serve as a Godparent at a baptism].

#874-1) to be admitted to the role of sponsor, a person must:

A) *[if the person to be baptized is a minor]* **be designated** by...the parents or the one who takes their place or, in their absence, by the pastor or minister

[for persons over 18 years of age, the person to be confirmed may designate the person to be their sponsor]
and have the qualifications and intention of performing this role;

B) have completed their sixteenth year;

C) be a Catholic who has been confirmed and has already received the sacrament of the Most Holy Eucharist and leads a life in harmony with the faith and the role to be undertaken;

[This means that the Catholic person is a fully initiated catholic (having celebrated Baptism, Confirmation and First Eucharist) and actively practices their Christian faith in their way of life and in their participation in their Catholic parish and the sacraments of the Church.]

D) not be bound by any canonical penalty legitimately imposed or declared;

[This means that if the intended sponsor is married, this marriage must be a recognized valid marriage in the Catholic Church. Catholics who are either civilly married, married by common law or living together are not in a valid Church marriage, and thus, by law, have a canonical penalty imposed upon them. The penalty is that the person may not participate in the full sacramental life of the Church. Specifically, they may not receive communion, nor may they act as a godparent at Baptism or as a sponsor at Confirmation. Therefore, if you are married outside of the Catholic Church, you do not meet the requirements for being admitted to the role of Confirmation Sponsor.]

E) not be the father or the mother of the one to be baptized / confirmed.

I _____ have read and do understand the requirements
(Print full name)

for serving as a sponsor at Confirmation in the Catholic Church. I do solemnly swear that I am a fully initiated Catholic; that I practice my faith in the way I live and through participation in my parish and the sacraments of the Church; and that, if married, my marriage is recognized by the Catholic Church as a valid sacramental marriage. Therefore, I am eligible to be admitted to the role of sponsor.

(Signature)

(Date)

(Name of Confirmation Candidate)

Photo Release Form

We will be asking parishioners to pray for each Confirmation candidate of their parish. In order for parishioners to get to know them, each Confirmation candidate will be photographed and their photo with their names will be posted on the bulletin board at St. Edward Church, St. George Church, St. Paul Church or St. Peter Church, whichever parish the candidate is from. There may also be occasions when group photos will be taken of the candidates either during classes, service projects, or during the retreat. These photos, if taken, will be published in the church bulletins.

Please sign and return this form.

_____ **Yes**, I give permission for my child's photograph(s) to be posted on the Bulletin Boards and/or in the church bulletins.

_____ **No**, my child's photograph(s) may not be posted on the Bulletin Boards and/or in the church bulletins.

Confirmation Candidate's First and Last Name

Parent/Legal Guardian's Signature

Date

Parent/Legal Guardian's First and Last Name