



Confirmation Year 2 Requirements (more information will be given at the Sep. 14th meeting)



I) Sign up for and attend Classes

Sign up for 3 sessions of class (1 of the sessions, session 4 must be *Spirit Sets Us Free*) and attend the classes registered for. The Confirmation attendance policy is as follows: The students are allowed to miss 1 class a session (1 out of 6 classes). If the student is absent more than 1x during a session (even if sick) they will need to make it up by either A) attending a class during a session they do not have class or B) attending a spiritual event from a given approved list and writing about the event they attended.

II) Attend Confirmation Meeting Wed. Sept. 14th

The Confirmation candidate as well as a parent must both attend the Confirmation meeting Wednesday September 14th 7:00-8:00pm in the Social Hall. This is a very important meeting where more detailed information will be given out and class schedules will be distributed.

III) Meet with your Confirmation Sponsor

Meet with your sponsor at least 3x during year 2 and discuss the basic questions/topic provided for each meeting (these questions will be given to you at the Sept. 14th meeting).

A sponsor should not just be your "favorite person" or chosen just to honor someone, but should be someone who above all will lead you to a deeper knowledge and love of Christ and the Church as you prepare for Confirmation and after you are confirmed.

The role of a sponsor is as follows:

- They are here for "spiritual help" (CCC)
- They "Bring candidates to receive the Sacrament, present them to the minister for anointing and will help them fulfill their baptismal promise faithfully under the influence of the Holy Spirit whom they have received" (Catholic Rites Today).
- It is on the soul of the Sponsor to go before the Bishop and present the candidate to the Bishop and by doing so they say that this person is ready to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. You say that you have done what you could to help prepare them and to make sure they are prepared well.
- They need to go to "Spirit Sets Us Free" session 4 with the candidate (6 Wednesday nights)
(if they absolutely cannot attend these nights the parent may take their place for this event).
- Needs to meet with the candidate at least 3 x during year 1 and 3x during year 2.

A Confirmation Sponsor must be:

- Already Confirmed (an at least 16 years of age)
- Fully practicing the Catholic Faith (attends Sunday Mass, obeys and lives out the teachings of the Roman Catholic Church).
- Must be someone other than your parents

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IV) Choose a Confirmation Saint

You must choose your Confirmation Saint name and write about that saint and why you chose them. We as Catholics, choose a saint whom we wish to model our life after, whose example and intercession gives us strength and hope that we too can strive and achieve sanctity in this life. Please pray and think about who to choose, but do not officially choose someone until after the Sep. 14th meeting where this will be discussed further.

The Archbishop states:

It is my wish that each Confirmation candidate will choose the name of a real, legitimate saint who is well known to that individual. It may be the saint of one's baptismal designation, or the saint's name your parents or grandparents carry, or a saint whose life you have read and whose example you wish to follow. But the name you choose should link you with the communion of saints in heaven with whom we worship God, the Father, every time we participate in the Mass.

V) Service Project

You must participate in 2 different service projects and write about them. One service project must be for St. Bridget's parish and the other can be a place of your choosing. Lists of service projects will be posted outside Faith Formation offices next year.

(Your service projects and essay on what you did will be due toward the end of the year 2, you can start working on this over the summer if you wish).

VI) Weekend overnight Confirmation Retreat

You must attend a weekend long Confirmation retreat at the NET center. A list of dates is attached to this packet. You can also check and register on their website: <http://netusa.org/events/upcoming?c=1> The cost for the weekend long retreat is \$145. Please do not hesitate to ask for a scholarship from the FF department if needed.

VII) Confirmation Interview with Fr. Wehmann

Everyone will need to schedule a 10 minute interview with Fr. Wehmann. We will have sign-ups during Spirit Sets Us Free session 4.

VIII) Confirmation Packets due

Year 2 packets will be handed out at the Wed. Sep. 14th meeting. The new packets will be due by the start of session 4 Spirit Sets Us Free Wed. March 21st. If your new packet is not complete by this time, you will not be allowed to attend Spirit Sets Us Free and will therefore need to postpone your Confirmation. Please make sure to get everything in. Thank You.

IX) Any added or changed requirements from this list will be announced at the Sep. 14th meeting

This list is provided for you now, so you can begin thinking and working to meet the upcoming requirements for year 2. The final list of requirements will be given at the Sep. 14th meeting.