

CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS

- **AGE REQUIREMENTS**: Candidates must be in TENTH grade to be eligible for Confirmation. 11th and 12th grade students that have not received Confirmation are eligible as long as they continue to be enrolled in religious education.
- **EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS**: Candidates must be enrolled and attending regular religious education classes OR must be attending a Catholic high school in order to be eligible for Confirmation. Candidates must also have been baptized Catholic and received both Reconciliation and First Eucharist. Please see Sarah immediately if your child needs any of these sacraments.
- **PREPARATION REQUIREMENTS**: In the TENTH grade school year, Confirmation immediate preparation sessions include a mandatory weekend retreat (January 13-15, 2012) and two class sessions February 12th and 26th from 3-5pm. Please note we do not have regular religious education in February. In a few weeks, we will also be scheduling a 30 minute Family Discernment Interview with both the candidate and at least one parent/guardian.
- **SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS**: Sponsors are an extremely important part of Confirmation. A person is eligible to be a sponsor if: They are a baptized, confirmed and practicing Catholic; they are able to attend both February sessions scheduled for candidates and sponsors (sponsors do not need to attend the retreat); and are, preferably, an Epiphany parishioner or a member of a neighboring parish. The idea of a sponsor is to add a support person to your child's life. Parents are not necessarily ineligible as sponsors however since the parent is usually the primary source of faith for a child, the purpose of the sponsor may be lost if a parent takes the role. A candidate may opt to have two sponsors - a ceremonial sponsor (someone who is out of town or unable to attend activities) AND a program sponsor.
- **OUTREACH REQUIREMENTS**: There is no set number of hours or required service for Confirmation. As long as the candidate actively participates in the life of the Church and their surrounding community, they are doing outreach!
- **PAPERWORK REQUIREMENTS**: To enroll in Confirmation, please fill out the attached Candidate Information sheet and provide a copy of the baptismal certificate unless your child was baptized at Epiphany. If you do not have all of your information (ie: sponsor, Saint name, etc.), please fill out to the best of your ability and turn in as soon as possible. Other paperwork will include (given at a later date): Discernment Interview sheet, Retreat Permission Form, and a Letter to the Pastor.
- **OTHER**: Students that may have received Confirmation in another Diocese or Archdiocese OR as an RCI catechumen at a younger age may still participate in the retreat and class sessions.