

Confirmation Preparation Process



*The Confirmation a **three- year preparation process** is available to all parish students; public and catholic students, in grades nine thru twelve. It involves the whole parish as the candidates prepare for the celebration of the sacrament. The following over view has been established by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.*

PERIOD OF CANDIDATE INVITATION_ Grade 9

Parent/Candidate Information Meeting- Outline the goals and expectations of this period of the Confirmation Process.

Fall Session- The Creed- Your Faith: Believing and Belonging (Includes all candidates)

Rite of Blessing- (Includes sponsor or a parent if a sponsor has not been chosen)

Baptism Retreat- (Includes candidates and Parent/Sponsor)

Group Service Project (10 per year)

Individual Service (15 hours per year)- written reflection paper and verification form (service done in their Catholic or Public school can be used as long as a written reflection paper is submitted.)

Spring Session- Prayer- Communion with God (Includes all candidates)

- Ideally, sponsors should be chosen at the beginning of the 9th grade year- but must be chosen by the end of 9th grade year.
- During the three year of formation, candidates are required to attend a minimum of one diocesan youth conference (SHYCON) and one Eucharistic Adoration day.

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PERIOD OF CANDIDATE FORMATION- GRADE 10

Parent/ Candidate Information Meeting- Outline the goals and expectations of this period of the Confirmation Process.

Sponsor/Candidate Gathering to review their role and discuss the Confirmation journey.

Fall Session- Scripture- Reflecting on and Living the Word (Includes all candidates)

RITE of COMMITMENT (Includes candidates and Sponsors/Parent)

Parables and Gifts of the Spirit- (Includes all candidates and Sponsors/Parent)

Group Service Project (10 hours per year)

Individual Service (15 hours per year)- written reflection paper and verification form (service done in their Catholic or Public school can be used as long as a written reflection paper is submitted.)

Spring Session- Witness, Word, Worship, Community and Service (includes all candidates.

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PERIOD OF CANDIDATE REFLECTION and CELEBRATION- GRADE 11

Parent/ Candidate Information Meeting- Outline the goals and expectations of this period of the Confirmation Process.

Fall Session-Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery (Includes all candidates)

Discipleship Retreat (Includes all candidates)

Group Service Project (10 hours per year)

Individual Service (15 hours per year)- written reflection paper and verification form (service done in their Catholic or Public school can be used as long as a written reflection paper is submitted.)

Spring Session- Morality: Your Call to Christian Living and Social Justice (Includes all candidates)

Reflection and Review of the Rite of Confirmation- (Includes all Candidates and Sponsors)

Rite of Sending (Includes all Candidates and Sponsors the Sunday before the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation)

Pastor/Candidate Interview/ Spiritual support as they near Confirmation. Discuss their plans for involvement in the parish after Confirmation.

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PERIOD OF INVOLVEMENT for THOSE WHO ARE FULLY INITIATED

MYSTAGOGY 12th Grade and beyond

Emphasis on Stewardship (Time, Talent, and Treasure)

Living the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy

Group Service including social and reflection

Participation in Liturgical Ministry

Connecting to Campus Ministry (college)

Helping with Confirmation Prep- Peer Ministry

Deepening the Mystery and Relationship with God: The Journey for life Forming Disciples for Apostolic Mission Stewardship