

Students grades 7-12 Confirmation Requirements

Confirmation Preparation Classes

- Students must be registered in Youth Ministry and attend events on a regular basis.
- Students must attend either six Fall 2008 classes or six Spring 2009 classes.
- Fall Classes- Wednesdays from 7-8PM Nov. 5-12-19 and Dec. 3-10-17 2008
- Spring Classes- Wednesdays from 7-8PM February 4-11-18 AND March 4-11-18
- There are no make-up classes so please chose your session with sports, band, etc. in mind!

Certificate of Baptism & First Communion

- Must be submitted with Youth Ministry Registration Form.

Letter to the Pastor

Confirmation Candidates must write a letter requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation to the Pastor, Fr. Rogatian Urassa. This letter should be either typewritten or printed neatly by hand. Please check your spelling! After review by the parish staff, these letters will be forwarded to Bishop Robert Vasa. Letters should contain the following:

- Address your letter “Dear Fr. Rogatian”.
- Introduce yourself with your first and last name, the name of the school you attend and your grade in school. Write that you are a Candidate for Confirmation from Sacred Heart Church.
- Explain the reason or reasons you want to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Mention one part of your preparation that was important to you and why this was important.
- Describe your service project and what impact it has had on your faith.
- Confirmation is a time to affirm your Baptism, and gives you the strength to live the Gospel, spread the Gospel and defend your Catholic faith. Explain how you will ‘live’ your Confirmation after receiving the Sacrament.
- Mention your Sponsor by name and the reason why you have asked them to be your Confirmation Sponsor.
- Sign the letter with your name.
- CHECK YOUR SPELLING!!

Confirmation Record Form for Certificates

- This form is attached and must be submitted to the Parish Office with the Letter to the Pastor.

Service Project Requirements

- Candidates must complete one service project during their Confirmation Preparation.
- Service can be of any amount of time, but **must** serve the poor and needy of our local community, or be an organized Youth Ministry Project, or be involvement in an area of Catholic ministry.
- Examples are: altar server, assist with food collection for Outreach Sunday, assist with the Mexican Dinner Fundraiser, Youth Ministry Summer Rummage Sale, Angel Tree Project, or collection of food for the Thanksgiving baskets.
- If you are not sure of what to do, please check with the Youth Minister!

Sacrament of Reconciliation

- Confirmation Candidates must be in a ‘state of grace’ to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Candidates must make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before the Confirmation Mass.

Retreat

- The Confirmation Retreat is scheduled for SATURDAY APRIL 4 from 9AM-Noon.
- Students must attend this half-day retreat. There are no exceptions and no make-ups.
- Mark you calendar NOW!!

Sponsor Requirements

- Must be over the age of 16 and CANNOT be the Candidate's parent.
- Must be a Catholic and have received the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist
- Must be a practicing Catholic in good standing with the Church- that is, attends Mass on a regular basis and receives Reconciliation and Eucharist at least once per year during the Easter Season as required by Church Law.
- If married, MUST be in a valid Catholic marriage.
- Sponsor must arrange to have a **Sponsor letter of eligibility** sent from their Catholic parish to Sacred Heart Parish by Easter Sunday April 12, 2009. The letter can be faxed or mailed.
- If the Sponsor attends Sacred Heart Parish in Klamath Falls, they must be known to the Pastor and be in good standing with the Church.
- If the Sponsor cannot attend the Confirmation Mass, a 'proxy' person can stand in for the Sponsor if the person meets all the same eligibility requirements.
- The Sponsor must be able to receive Communion during the Confirmation Mass. They must make arrangements to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation BEFORE Confirmation!

**PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS CHURCH LAW.
THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE SPONSOR REQUIREMENTS.**

Confirmation Name/Saint Report

- Candidates should plan to 'confirm' their Baptismal Name, that is, the name given to them at Baptism.
- Candidates MAY chose a Saint's name for Confirmation, if they have a special devotion to a saint or if they do not have a form of a Saint's name, such as "Dakota Pearl Jones".
- Candidates must submit a short report about their Saint's name or the Saint for whom they were named.
- For example, if the student is named "Summer **Mary** Smith" a report on the Blessed Mother would be appropriate.
- Two or three paragraphs are sufficient for the report.

Confirmation Mass Rehearsal and Evening of Reflection

- Will be scheduled when we receive the date of Confirmation from the Diocese of Baker.
- Sponsors or 'proxy' must attend this rehearsal with the student.

Students who have not yet received the Sacrament of First Communion

- Must meet all other requirements EXCEPT the Confirmation Classes.
- Must also attend RCIA for Youth Sessions on Wednesdays from 5-6PM from October –Easter.
- Students will receive both Sacraments at the Confirmation Mass.

Confirmation Test

- A copy of the test (with answers) is included in this package.
- Candidates should be prepared to take this test during class before Confirmation. (Diocesan Requirement)

Weekend Mass Attendance

- Most important- Candidates must attend Mass on a regular basis!

**All requirements must be complete and all paperwork submitted to the parish office
BY EASTER SUNDAY APRIL 12, 2009.**