



# CONFIRMATION

*2016-2017*

Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and  
kindle in them the fire of your love.  
Send forth your Spirit, and they shall be created.  
And You shall renew the face of the earth.

O, God, who by the light of the Holy Spirit, did instruct  
the hearts of the faithful, grant that by the same Holy  
Spirit we may be truly wise and ever enjoy His  
consolations. Through Christ Our Lord.

Amen.

St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake  
Religious Education

YEAR 2



## CONFIRMATION

Welcome to Confirmation Year 2! You made it through Year 1 and now you are in the home stretch!

During this last year of formation continue to bravely open your hearts and minds and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you. I pray that your light shines brightly in a dim world.

Do not be afraid!

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## SPECIFICATIONS

Confirmation is broken into two years. You have completed Year 1 by fulfilling all requirements and are ready to complete Year 2.

Year 2 will emphasize Confirmation using the “Chosen” program. Additionally, this year you will need to complete service hours and an interview.

## Objectives and Elements of the Confirmation Program

- The elements of the rite of confirmation
- The meaning of the baptismal promises
- The Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit (Isaiah and Galatians)

- The meaning of “Be sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit”
- The action of the laying on of hands and anointing with the Sacred Chrism
- The Lord’s Prayer
- The rights, responsibilities, duties, and obligations of full initiation in the Catholic community: Word, worship, community, and service

All persons involved in the preparation process are required to study the introduction, the full prayer texts and Scriptures of the rite of confirmation, and to understand the theology of Christian initiation, especially the sacrament of confirmation.

## CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must be in high school and at least 14 years old.
- Candidate must willing of own accord to be confirmed in the church.
- Candidate must have been enrolled in religious education program for at least two years prior (e.g., 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade RE or Catholic school). If candidate was not enrolled in two years of prior RE please contact Michael Urtado (murtado@yahoo.com) or Eileen Wickham (eileenwickham@gmail.com) to determine eligibility.
- Candidate must attend two years of religious formation through the High School RE program with no more than two absences per semester.
- Candidate should participate in Mass on Sundays and more often if the opportunity presents itself.
- Candidate must choose a Confirmation sponsor meeting all guidelines and is required to have their sponsor return a Confirmation Sponsor Covenant.
- Candidate must turn in a copy of Baptism and Communion certificates.
- Candidate must choose a saint name and write a saint report.
- Candidate must complete 24 hours of service.
- Candidates must have an interview with Father Don, one of the deacons, or one of the HS RE adults.
- Candidate must attend at least one retreat provided by the RE department.
- In order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation all requirements must be met by specified dates.

It will be the candidate's responsibility to complete all requirements on time.

## YEAR 2 CALENDAR

September 11 or 18: Parent Meeting – Parents are requested to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting please contact Michael Urtado at murtado@yahoo.com.

### CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION DUE

### Calendar

The calendar can be found on the church website under Formation/Confirmation page.

### Important dates

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| <b>September</b>  |
| <b>18: Class start</b>  |
| <b>October</b>  |
| <b>8: Oktoberfest – Volunteers needed</b>                             |
| <b>9: No Class</b>  |
| <b>November</b>   |
| <b>27: No Class</b>   |
| <b>December</b>   |
| <b>25: No Class</b>   |
| <b>January</b>  |
| <b>1: No Class</b>  |
| <b>27-29: Retreat, DCYC from Friday afternoon to Sunday afternoon</b> |
| <b>29: No Class</b>   |
| <b>February</b>   |
| <b>11-12 – Retreat, Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit</b>           |
| <b>12: No Class</b>   |
| <b>March</b>  |
| <b>19: No Class – Spring break</b>                                    |
| <b>April</b>  |
| <b>16: No Class – Easter</b>  |
| <b>May</b>  |

## 14: No Class – Mother's Day

### CONFIRMATION SPONSOR LETTER

We will write these in class on November 13<sup>th</sup>. Candidates should come to class prepared to write a letter asking the person they have chosen to be their sponsor and explain why they are preparing for Confirmation. Please bring address for the sponsor you have chosen.

### RETREAT REQUIREMENTS

All candidates must attend a retreat sponsored by St. Mary, Our Lady of the Lake. All forms will be found on the church website.

Retreat dates are:

- Diocesan Catholic Youth Conference (DCYC) - January 27-29, 2017

Registration opening soon. Cost: \$60 for early registration.

- Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit - tentatively scheduled for February 11,12, 2017.

Cost: \$25

## SERVICE REPORT REQUIREMENTS

- Candidate must complete 24 hours of service.
- Service must be done in Christ-like manner, with prayerful and loving spirit.
- Only service performed within the two year Confirmation preparation will be counted toward hours needed to be confirmed.
- Candidate cannot be paid for service.
- Parent must sign service hours.

### BREAKDOWN OF SERVICE HOURS

Spiritual Experience Hours = 4 hours

This would include participating in DCYC, Godstock, Youth Group meetings, a Pro-Life Rally, or Adoration

Church Service Hours = 10 hours

This would include volunteering at church events such as Oktoberfest, Family Picnic, RE classes, and VBS.

Community Service Hours = 10 hours

This would include participating mowing the lawn for an older couple, working in a soup kitchen, making rosaries for orphanages, or volunteering with an organization.

**HOURS ARE DUE UNTIL NO LATER THAN MARCH 1st!**

## SERVICE HOUR ESSAY

Service Hour Essay should be no less than two paragraphs and answer the following questions.

1. How did the service you provided to the church bring you closer to God?
2. If your service helps individuals, how did it feel to help these people? If so, why? If not, why not?
3. After Confirmation will you continue your service to God and his church?
4. How did the Holy Spirit work through you during your service hours?