

St. Paul's Parish Faith Formation

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CONFIRMATION PROGRAM SCHEDULE

In addition to regular attendance at Monday evening classes, listed below are the dates and times of the Confirmation meetings, workshops, liturgies and rehearsals:

- Mon, Oct. 24** **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Confirmation Parent/Student Meeting**
All students who wish to be confirmed in the Spring of 2011, including RCS students and their parents attend this meeting. Overview of the Confirmation process and signing of the Confirmation Scroll by parents and students will take place at the meeting.
- Sun, Oct. 30** **10:30 Mass** **Confirmation Enrollment Liturgy**
Candidates will be presented to the parish at the 10:30 Mass. Parents and Sponsors are encouraged to attend.
- *Sun, Jan. 15** **9:30 – 11:30 AM** **Sponsor/Candidate Workshop & Mass**
Candidates and sponsors attend this workshop and 10:30 Mass together.
- Monday, Feb.13** **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Parent - Candidate Meeting**
Candidates and parents meet together in the Parish Center Chapel. Retreat details and final preparation information for the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- Sunday, March 4** **9:30 – 3:30 PM** **Confirmation Retreat**
Candidates from other parishes may join us for this day-long Confirmation Retreat. Parents will join candidates for Mass at **2:30 PM**.
- Monday, March 5 & 12** **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Confirmation Interviews with Father Bob**
- Monday, March 19** **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Candidate Rehearsal**
- *Sunday, April 15** **6:30 – 7:30 PM** **Rehearsal with Sponsor**

Possible Date of Confirmation: Sunday, April 22 or April 29

(The Bishops' Office assigns the date and time of Confirmation approximately six weeks beforehand. We will inform you of the date as soon as we hear when Confirmation will be held.)

**If a Sponsor lives out of town and cannot be present for the sponsor workshop or rehearsal with sponsor, a parent must fill in.*

Confirmation information for parents and students on reverse

Information for the Sacrament of Confirmation
Direct Preparation
(10th Grade or Above)



By the Sacrament of Confirmation, we are more fully connected to the Church and enriched with a special strength of God's gift of the Holy Spirit. High School Students who wish to deepen their knowledge and understanding of our Catholic Faith may register for the Confirmation Program. Students must be baptized, actively participating in both the liturgical and sacramental faith life of our Parish (that means attending Mass and receiving the Sacraments).

Requirements - Students who wish to be confirmed must be in 10th grade (or above) and have completed at least one full year of High School Faith Formation classes or one full year of religion classes at a Catholic High School. Students are required to attend workshops and retreats and actively participate, individually and as a group, in service projects, in the church and in the community. **Parents and Sponsors** are asked to attend specified sessions and to be active in the preparation process. Candidates are required to participate in religious education classes at St. Paul's or religion class at RCS during the year of direct preparation for Confirmation.

Baptismal Certificate - The journey toward the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation began at Baptism. If you were **not** baptized at St. Paul's, we will need a copy of your Baptismal Certificate. If you were baptized at St. Paul's we have the information on file. If you need to obtain a certificate from another church, request it now, by calling the church where you were baptized. Please send it when you register or as soon as possible.

Confirmation Service Projects – Each candidate must complete some type of Christian service, at least one type of service on their own and one as a group working together. A **Christian Service Report Form** is to be completed for each project you work on, (a copy is included with your registration materials and/or available on St. Paul's website: www.stpaulsrome.com).

Confirmation Sponsor – your sponsor should be a confirmed Catholic and a good example of our faith. According to the diocesan guidelines, **parents cannot serve as sponsors**. You may ask a grandparent, godparent, aunt, or uncle, etc. Your sponsor usually attends the Confirmation Enrollment Liturgy, a Candidate/Sponsor workshop, one rehearsal a few weeks before Confirmation, and the Confirmation Liturgy in the Spring.

Confirmation name – According to the Confirmation guidelines, the name you were given at baptism (your first or middle name) is the best Confirmation name because of its connection to the Sacrament of Baptism. If you wish to choose another name, it should be a recognized saint of the church. There are many web sites that give you information about the saints.

Letter to the Bishop - All Confirmation Candidates write a letter to the Bishop requesting the Sacrament of Confirmation. In the letter you will include a description of the service projects you have been involved in. Keep a journal or a notebook so when it comes time to write the letter you will have the information available. You may also include your reason for choosing your Confirmation name. Many candidates write about why they chose their Sponsor in their letter to the Bishop.

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