

Holy Rosary Confirmation Outline for 2016-17

The Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist – are intimately bound together and form a single initiation by which persons enter into the life of Jesus Christ and more fully realize their role in the mission and ministry of the Church. For those faithful who were baptized as infants, Confirmation marks the completion of their initiation into the Body of Christ, and the grace that they need to reach their Heavenly home.

The Sacrament of Confirmation is a special outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the confirmandi to strengthen their baptismal vocation and to awaken the gifts necessary for full participation in the life of the Church. In the scriptures, the Holy Spirit bestowed upon the apostles the gift of courage: to tell the Good News, to live and share the faith, to boldly proclaim the “mighty deeds of God who has called us out of darkness into his marvelous light” (1 Peter 2:9). It is imperative that every disciple seek out the gifts of the Spirit offered gratuitously through the sacrament of Confirmation to help them live as a disciple, a Spirit which helps individuals to bear good fruit in their lives.

Because of the immensity of this great gift, the Church asks candidates who wish to receive this Sacrament to commit themselves to and undertake a period of preparation to dispose themselves properly to receive the grace and put it to use in their lives.

Requirements to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation

1. A baptized Catholic who has also received their First Eucharist
2. An active and practicing Catholic who strives each day to live as a disciple of Jesus Christ, praying regularly, attending Sunday Mass, and receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation as needed (though at least once as final preparation to receive the grace of the Sacrament of Reconciliation)
3. The normative age of Confirmation in the Archdiocese of Seattle is 16 years old or the junior year of high school
4. Attendance at Confirmation sessions
Each candidate may miss ONE session since there are only seven total.
Attendance at a high school retreat does NOT count as a missed session, as long as evidence is given that you have attended via an email from school staff.
Candidates should contact Fr. Oakland in advance if possible to find out about the topic of the day and ways they can make up the class they missed.
5. Attendance at the Confirmation retreat
6. Information and Paperwork Due Dates – submitted to Jennifer Wong via email or hard copy
Registration and Fee: Due October 16th
Questionnaire: Due October 16th
Baptism Certificate (if not baptized at Holy Rosary): Due December 1st
Sponsor Commitment and recently issued Baptism Certificate: Due December 1st
Saint Paper and Candle Information: Due January 8th
*Letter from sophomores requesting early Confirmation: Due November 1st
7. Service – Life as a disciple includes serving others as Jesus commands us to do. There are many opportunities for service in the parish or through your school. What gifts has the Lord given to you, and how are you called to use them to help others?

Failure to meet the above requirements and expectations may result in the delay of the reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation until the following year.

Other Information

Confirmation name: Candidates are confirmed with their baptismal name. Candidates may select a saint or blessed person to study, invoke and emulate as a patron saint, and use this as a second name at their Confirmation if they desire. If a patron is being chosen, the candidate will write a paper (about 500 words) on why they chose that particular saint, how they inspire them and how they hope to emulate them. If a patron saint is not chosen, the candidate will write a paper about one of their given patrons (their namesake, or someone who their parent/s particularly prayed too for their child).

Confirmation program fee: \$65.00, payable to Holy Rosary Parish (funds retreat, materials, etc.)

Contacts

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General: Fr. Oakland – froakland@holyrosaryseattle.org or 206-935-4303 x205

Schedule

Confirmation Information Gathering – Parents and Teens: Sept 18th at 12PM

Due Dates: Paperwork

Class #1: October 23 – The Choice of Moses: Life and Death, Blessing and Curse

Class #2: November 6 – The Big Question: Who do you say that I am?

Class #3: November 20 – Spending Time with God: Prayer

Class #4: December 4 – Holy Spirit: Giver of Gifts and Bearer of Fruits

Retreat – Saturday, December 10th, 9AM-8PM [Includes Sunday Vigil Mass]

Class #5: January 8 – Putting the Spirit to Use - The Call to Serve

Class #6: January 22 – Putting the Spirit to Use - The Call to Heaven (Vocations)

Rehearsal: Sunday, February 5th from 12-1:00PM.

Sponsors should attend. Candidate attendance mandatory.

Class #7 from 1-2:30PM – Reflection on the Rites

Confirmation: Saturday, February 11th at the 5PM Mass

Classes are on Sundays from 12-1:30PM unless otherwise listed.

Class schedule may change if the celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation is held at a time other than those proposed. We should know by the end of October.