

Confirmation is...

1. **A sacrament of Initiation-** calling for a remembering and renewal of Baptism.
2. **Rooted in the Trinity-** remember God's love, follow the person of Jesus, and live justly in the activity of the Spirit.
3. **About discipleship and mission-** drawing persons into the life, work and mission of the Church.
4. **A celebration of the faith community-** the responsibility of all the faithful to accept and use the diverse gifts for the kingdom of God.



Requirements

1. Participate in Mass weekly.
2. Complete an entrance interview.
3. Participate in all Sunday class sessions.
4. Participate in the community of the parish.
5. Parent participation in 4 catechesis sessions.
6. Service activities (15 hours each year.)
7. Participate in 2 Confirmation Retreats each year.
8. Complete an exit interview and reflection.

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What is Confirmation?

Confirmation is one of the sacraments of Initiation, along with Baptism and Eucharist, and should always be closely linked with them. The sacrament has gone through a number of changes since it came into practice in the first century, but it remains, "an outward sign of an inner grace." It is truly God revealing Himself to us, particularly through the Bishop signing our forehead with the chrism oil and laying his hands on us.

The requirement for Confirmation in the Diocese of Pueblo is two years of preparation for youth. These years should include retreats, service experiences and doctrinal formation.



To register for confirmation, please complete the online Confirmation Registration form. A \$40 registration fee (\$70 for 2 children in formation, \$90 for 3+) for the year is required to participate and covers class sessions. It can also be paid online through the link on our website. Retreats and family events may require additional fees.

Schedule 2017-2018

*August 27

September 17

*October 15

November 12

December 3- Family Advent Festival 12-3pm

January 7

*February 4

February 18- Family Lent Gathering 12-3pm

March 4

*April 8

May 6- 1st Year Only

Remember: Mass attendance is required along with 3:30-6:00 class sessions!

* Dates parents are required to attend separate class session during the same class time.

Retreat Opportunities

Oct. 27-29 SWCYC Retreat \$150

Nov. 18-20 Mother Cabrini Retreat \$275

January 13-15 13:13 Cedaredge Retreat \$100

March 23-24 30 Hour Famine- \$100

May 3-4 NET \$30

PARTICIPATION IN THE ENTIRE CLASS AND MASS TIME BLOCK IS MANDATORY. FAMILIES PLEASE PLAN TO JOIN US FOR MASS.

2 RETREATS ARE REQUIRED EACH YEAR.

DECEMBER 3RD & FEBRUARY 18TH ARE REQUIRED EVENTS FOR TEENS AND THEIR FAMILY!

Youth need to choose a sponsor to walk the journey of confirmation preparation with them. The role of the sponsor is to pray and intercede for you, and be a role model by answering questions, introducing different aspects of the Catholic faith, and participating in certain components of the preparation process.

Your sponsor:

May not be your parent.

Must be a confirmed, practicing Catholic.

Ideally would be one of your Godparents.

Could be grandparent, aunt/uncle, friend of family.

Someone in your parish whose faith you respect.

Sponsor Responsibilities:

Act as a prayer warrior on your behalf.

Meet once a month to share, discuss, and experience your Catholic faith with your youth.

*An information form on who your sponsor is should be completed no later than Sept. 15, 2017.