



An invitation to all young disciples
at least 15 yrs old and in 10th – 12th grade,
to complete your initiation into the Catholic Church,
by celebrating

The Sacrament of Confirmation

The **First step** for those wishing to prepare for Confirmation is to attend Youth Night (a.k.a. Religious Formation – formally known as CCD). This takes place on Sunday nights from 6:45-8:45. Youth Night sessions begin September 11.

Second Step -

parents AND candidates *must* attend one of the following information sessions:

Wednesday, September 28, from 7:00 – 8:00 in Assisi Hall

Sunday, October 2 from 3:30 – 4:30. in Siena Hall

Monday, October 10 from 7:00 – 8:00 in Siena Hall

Third Step – Parent *MUST* attend one of the following PARENTS ONLY orientations:

Saturday, Oct. 15, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, in Siena Hall

Sunday, Oct. 30, from 12:30 pm to 4:30 pm, in Assisi Hall

Saturday, Nov. 5, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm, in Siena Hall

Fourth step in the preparation process is for candidates to attend one of two retreats **with their sponsor**. Parents should NOT stand in for the sponsor on this retreat. Candidates will have an opportunity choose their retreat date after they attend the orientation session. Retreat dates are **November 19-20 or December 3-4**. (Mark your calendar now) Both retreats are at Camp Copass in Denton.

The focus of the retreat is more spiritual in nature. Candidates will have an opportunity to reflect on their faith journey; ask questions about the things they struggle with, are unsure of, or are challenged by; examine their image of God and prayer life; and explore their God-given gifts. The candidate's sponsor plays a significant role in this retreat and in their preparation process. **Sponsors on this retreat *MUST* be out of high school, and should have experience and practice living the Catholic faith.** Sponsors act as guides and mentors during the retreat, sharing their faith and listening to candidate. We will address this further during the information night.

After all the retreats are completed, the candidates will meet **Wednesday evenings** beginning January 18, 2012 from 7:30 – 9:00 pm. This will be an opportunity for further study and deeper conversion. The celebration of Confirmation is Friday, April 20th at 7:00 pm Mass. For more information:

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