



THE PARISHES OF SACRED HEART AND DIVINE MERCY

Dear Friends,

Greetings in the Lord! Welcome to Confirmation Preparation!

It is a joy to continue to accompany you on your journey of faith. The **Confirmation Preparation** program at our parishes is designed to help us live the Christian life well. This begins by placing worship of God at the center of our lives, particularly by going to **Mass every Sunday**. This is the most important part of the program.

Additionally, **short 20 minute weekly sessions** provide an opportunity for the youth to reflect on the Gospel that was proclaimed at Mass and how it relates to the faith we profess in the creed, celebrate in the sacraments, live through morality, and offer in prayer. For example, if the Gospel is about Jesus healing the sick, we reflect on the power of Christ over sickness and death (creed), the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick (sacraments), visiting the sick as a work of mercy (morality) and praying for the sick and those who care for them (prayer). Weekly sessions incorporate videos, fun activities, presentations, and more!

Those preparing to receive the **Sacrament of Confirmation** must be active in the Confirmation Preparation program for two years. Attendance at Mass and at the weekly sessions is monitored during this time. They must also complete the other tasks below and take part in the two workshops and the rehearsal offered in the second year of the program. All requirements must be fulfilled for this sacrament to be received. These requirements help form us to live the Christian life well and ensure that we are ready to celebrate this sacrament.

In addition to the requirements provided, there are other special opportunities offered to help the youth and families get involved in the mission of the Church at our parishes. Please join us as you are able.

Be assured of our continued prayers and support as you grow closer to the Lord through his Church. God loves you. And so do I.

In Christ,

Father Christopher R. Seibt

Pastor



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Confirmation Preparation Year 2 Requirements

Session Options *(register for one)*

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM at Sacred Heart

9:30 AM - 9:50 AM at Divine Mercy

11:00 AM - 11:20 AM at Sacred Heart

Note: All sessions are open to all families each week in the event that there is a schedule conflict.

Other special opportunities are also open to all families from both parishes.

Requirements

- ☐ Attend Sunday Mass (or Saturday vigil) and sign in
- ☐ Attend all Holy Days of Obligation and sign in
 - August 15 (Assumption of Mary)
 - December 8 (Immaculate Conception)
 - December 25 (Nativity/Christmas)
 - January 1 (Mary Mother of God)
 - May 6 (Ascension of the Lord)

When attending Mass at a different parish, submit a bulletin signed by the priest

- ☐ Attend Parent Meeting
- ☐ Attend Weekly Sessions *(see next column; only 2 absences permitted)*
- ☐ Attend Direct Prep Sessions
 - Sept 27th (11:30am-2:30pm at DM; includes Mass)
AND
 - March 14th (2:30-4:30pm at SH; includes Confession)
- ☐ Write a Letter to the Bishop
- ☐ Luncheon with the Pastor *(see below for schedule)*
 - January 24th OR January 31st
- ☐ Participate in Retreat II
 - February 27th at DM
- ☐ Complete 15 Service Hours
- ☐ Attend Confirmation Rehearsal and Mass (Spring 2027 at St. Rose)

*If you are unable to attend the scheduled retreat or luncheon,
please contact the Family & Youth Ministries Office to make different arrangements.*

Sessions

- ☐ October 4
- ☐ October 11
- ☐ October 18
- ☐ October 25
- ☐ November 1
- ☐ November 8
- ☐ November 15
- ☐ November 29
- ☐ December 6
- ☐ December 13
- ☐ January 3
- ☐ January 10
- ☐ January 24
- ☐ January 31
- ☐ February 7
- ☐ February 21
- ☐ February 28
- ☐ March 7
- ☐ March 14
- ☐ March 21



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Year 2 Requirements Continued

Other Special Opportunities

- ☐ Eucharistic Adoration
(weekly on Tuesdays 5:30-6:30 PM at SH and Thursdays 5:30-6:30 PM at DM)
- ☐ Youth Ministry *(Edge weekly on Sundays 7:00-8:30 PM at DM/Life Teen weekly on Thursdays 5:30-8:00 PM at DM)*
- ☐ Altar Server, Usher, Greeter
- ☐ Parish Picnic *(September 20th)*
- ☐ Fall Festival (SH) *(October 3rd)*
- ☐ Winterfest (DM) *(January 29th)*
- ☐ Blessing of Animals (SH) *(October 4th)*
- ☐ “Trunk or Treat” (DM) *(October 30th)*
- ☐ Caring & Sharing/Giving Tree Christmas Projects
- ☐ Stations of the Cross *(weekly on Fridays at 7:00 PM during Lent)*
- ☐ Advent and Lenten Reflections
- ☐ Lenten Fish Fry
- ☐ *Totus Tuus* Summer Youth Program *(July 2027)*
- ☐ Steubenville Youth Conference *(July 2027)*

*Like all Catholics, candidates are expected to strive to live the Christian life well.
Those who are returning to the practice of the faith will be encouraged to do so and supported.
All candidates must fulfill the requirements above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.*



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Letter to the Bishop **Procedures and Outline**

Candidates are required to write a letter to the Bishop indicating their desire to be confirmed. The letter is a description of their unique journey of faith.

All letters should be written in the candidate's own words, typed, and checked for spelling and grammar.

Greeting

Begin your letter with the greeting: "Your Excellency,"

Body of the Letter

Paragraph 1: Introduce yourself. Say something about your family, your education and your parish.

Paragraph 2: Give several reasons why you are looking forward to being confirmed.

Paragraph 3: Explain how you have prepared for the sacrament. It is important that you tell about specific parts of your preparation: your prayer life, your celebration of the other sacraments, your service hours, your sponsor's name and why you chose them, and your saint's name and why you chose it.

Paragraph 4: Tell what difficulties young people today face and how you will continue to carry out your life of service to God and others through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Conclusion

Conclude the letter and include your complete signature. For example "Sincerely,".

Return the letter to the Confirmation Coordinator in person or email it to shdmym@syrdio.org.



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Confirmation Service Hours

Candidate's Name: _____

Confirmation Year: _____

*Service hours are to be a combination of community service (Works of Mercy, 7 hours)
and Church related activities (fish fry, altar serving, etc., 8 hours).
Use the reverse side if more space is needed.*

	Date	Service	Location	Hours	Supervisor
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2					
3					
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Schedule for Candidates Luncheon with the Pastor

January 24th 1:00pm - 2:00pm Location: TBA	January 31st 1:00pm - 2:00pm Location: TBA
Anthony Aloia Ava Biedermann Walker Clary John DeStevens Evan Glenn Neve Gutowski Mason Hind Dominic Klein Liliana Leo Sofia McClusky Steven Pallotta Rylan Starowicz	Abilene Baker David Borton Lilly Crayton Victoria Gill Camryn Gridley Nolan Henderson Ellianna Jurenko Gabriel Kline Giada Marzullo Adriana Mezzo Elisa Reyes Anthony Valvo