

Sacrament of
Confirmation
REGISTRATION PACKET



Eligibility to enter into Confirmation Sacramental Prep:

- *teen 15 yrs old or older (typically sophomore year)
- *teen has been baptized
- *teen attended Pre-Confirmation class at Sacred Heart during 2015-2016
(or teen attended Religious Formation classes at Notre Dame 2015-2016)
- *teen is a registered member of Sacred Heart

If your teen does not meet each of these requirements, please speak with the Coordinator of the Teen Confirmation Program, Cassie Erazo, prior to filling out this packet. Thank you.

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Summer 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians:

We look forward to walking alongside your child as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation next year. God bless you and your family as you support this time of spiritual preparation.

It is important that all children entering sacramental preparation have been receiving catechesis prior to beginning sacramental preparation. Teens who fully attended Pre-Confirmation class as a freshman (2015-2016) as well as those who received religious formation at Notre Dame last year may register for Confirmation. Families with special circumstances wishing to begin preparation this year without having attended catechetical classes last school year need to set an appointment with Father Jack McKone to determine their readiness. Please call #940-723-5288 to set an appointment as soon as possible & let the secretary know it is regarding Confirmation.

The **Confirmation Parent & Student Orientation** is set for SUN, **September 11** from 6:00 – 8:00pm. At least one parent needs to attend along with their child. Confirmation registration fee (\$80) & copies of the student's **Baptism & First Communion certificates** are due by or before the orientation. We will discuss the details of our Confirmation Program & its schedule.

Printed on the back-side of this letter is the **Confirmation Preparation Schedule** for **2015-2016**. Students preparing for Confirmation need to attend all classes and arrive to class on-time. Please note that our Confirmation preparation will be held on Sundays from 6:00-8:00pm from September until February.

Each candidate needs to select a **Sponsor** to spiritually walk with them during this time of preparation. Please refer to the Confirmation Sponsor Information Form for clarity on the role of a sponsor and eligibility. Your child should begin prayerfully discerning their Confirmation Sponsor now as the Mini-Retreat for candidate and sponsor is set for **Sunday, OCT 2** (1:30pm – 6:30pm). **Candidates need to turn in their Confirmation Sponsor Info Form by the Orientation Meeting** (Sept 11).

Please mark your calendars now for the teen candidate's **Confirmation Retreat** on Fri-Sun, **November 18-20**, 2016. The retreat fee is included in the \$80 Confirmation registration fee.

Confirmation candidates are encouraged to join us for Wednesday evening religious formation (7-8pm) & our social hour called BLAST (6-7pm). To join the *Underclassmen Class* (9th & 10th graders) please complete the Religious Formation Registration in addition to the Sacramental Prep Form. If registered in Confirmation, the fee for Wednesday night religious formation will be waived.

Information on events for teens (optional retreats, trips, rallies, etc) can be found on the **Youth News page** in our weekly Mass Bulletin as well as off the Youth Ministry page on our parish website: www.sacredheartwf.org.

Cassie H. Erazo – Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Adolescent Catechesis

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CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

To prepare our Confirmation candidates, we utilize "Decision Point" formation materials from *Dynamic Catholic*. Parents & Godparents can join in this preparation process by viewing their weekly lessons online at www.dynamiccatholic.com/confirmation/view-program/

There are a total of 12 class gatherings from 6:00 – 8:00pm on Sundays. In addition, there will be a Candidate Retreat (Nov 18-20), a day-retreat for Sponsors & Candidates (date TBD), and a closing session shortly before the Confirmation Mass. Complete Confirmation program details and guidelines will be given during the orientation in September.

SCHEDULE 2016-2017

Sept 11 – **Parent & Candidate Orientation** (Youth Hall Chapel)

Sept 18 – Gathering #1 Life is Choices

Sept 25 – Gathering #2 What's Holding You Back?

Oct 2 – **Sponsor & Candidate Mini-Retreat** (Parish Hall)

Oct 9 – Gathering #3 The Jesus Question

Oct 16 – **No class** (Deanery Youth Mass at St. Mary, Windthorst *Secondary Doors of Mercy)

Oct 23 – Gathering #4 The Prayer Process

Oct 30 – **No class** (Halloween weekend)

Nov 6 – Gathering #5 The Bible

Nov 13 – Gathering #6 Relationships

Nov 19 - 20 – **Confirmation Retreat** (Black Sox Facilities, Burkburnett)

Nov 27 – **No class** (Thanksgiving Holiday)

Dec 4 – Gathering #7 The Eucharist

Dec 11 until Jan 1 – **No class** (Advent/Christmas Break)

Jan 8 – Gathering #8 The Holy Spirit

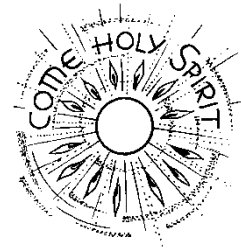
Jan 15 – Gathering #9 The Church

Jan 22 – Gathering #10 Confirmation

Jan 29 - Gathering #11 Made For Mission

Feb 5 - Gathering #12 Holiness is Possible

Closing Session (Date TBD; it will be set after the FtW Diocese assigns our Confirmation Mass date)



****THIS SCHEDULE MAY BE REVISED DURING THE SCHOOL YEAR***

IMPORTANT:

One step of registration is to be completed at home by parents – our **online** Annual Parental Liability Waiver, Permission, & Medical Information (known as the **FORM A**). Our Diocese requires we have one on file for each teen who participates in Youth Ministry at Sacred Heart. This form will be valid from now through the end of May 2017.

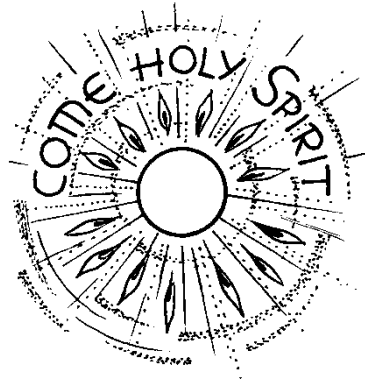
Please use the following instructions to fill out the FORM A (separate form for each child) from the convenience of your home. **Your teen is not officially registered for class until you have completed the online Medical Form A & emailed to our parish.** Forms need to be completed prior to the beginning of classes (Sept 11).

Any questions/concerns, please email cerazo@sacredheartwf.org

ELECTRONIC "FORM A" INSTRUCTIONS:

- #1: Go to <http://www.fwdioc.org/pages/diocesan-release-forms> online. (Or go to www.fwdioc.org, then click on "Youth" from the menu and select "Diocesan Release Forms" from the drop down menu)
- #2: Select "Form A" in English
- #3: Save the blank form to your computer prior to filling in your information (using your child's name).
- #4: Open the saved version of the form from your computer and fill out all information fully. Note on common error:
*if you check "yes" that your child is insured, you must fill out all boxes below related to insurance information.
- #5: After completing information fully, save it to your computer again.
- #6: Compose an email and attach the completed form. Email it to cerazo@sacredheartwf.org so that we receive record at our parish.
- #7: We recommend you also print the completed form as a back up in case of technical issues .

Thank you for taking the time to complete the registration process for your child(ren)!



Previous pages are yours to keep.

**Registration Form &
Retreat Permission Form B &
Sponsor Info Form**

**need to be turned into the Pastoral Center
Office.**

Student Medical Form A needs to be
completed **online** & emailed to Youth
Minister (see instructions on previous page).

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION

~ Registration Form 2016-2017~

SACRED HEART CATHOLIC CHURCH

*Baptism * Confession * Eucharist *Confirmation*

******PLEASE PRINT NEATLY******

I am enrolling my child in: (please check 1)

- **R.C.I.A.** (unbaptized children over 7 years old preparing for baptism, communion & confirmation)
 - ✓ **COPY of BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED & GODPARENT NEEDED**
- **Confirmation** (15 years+ & has received Baptism & Communion & Confession)
 - ✓ ***COPY of BAPTISM & COMMUNION CERTIFICATE REQUIRED & SPONSOR NEEDED**
- **1st Confession & 1st Communion** (over 7 years old/2nd grade & have been baptized)
 - ✓ ***COPY of BAPTISM & BIRTH CERTIFICATE REQUIRED**

DATE: _____

CIRCLE TSHIRT SIZE: YOUTH-XS S M L XL
ADULT-XS S M L XL XXL

Students Legal Name: _____
(First) (Middle) (Last) (Preferred name)

_____ Birth Date: (m/d/y) _____ Grade 16-17 school year _____ School Attending

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

*******Communication in done primarily through email PLEASE WRITE LEGIBLY*******

STUDENT Email: _____ Student Cell: _____ Text: Y/N

PARENT Email(s): _____

Father's Name: _____ Mother's Name: _____

Catholic Yes/No _____ Catholic Yes/No _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

If Applicable

Step Father: _____ Step Mother: _____

Catholic Yes/No _____ Catholic Yes/ No _____

Email: _____ Email: _____

Phone: _____ Phone: _____

Legal Guardian if other than parents: _____

Student living with: Both parents Father Mother Other _____

People Living in House: _____

Please list 2 emergency contacts in case if parents cannot be reached:

1. Name _____ Phone Number: _____

2. Name _____ Phone Number: _____

PLEASE ANSWER QUESTIONS ON THE BACK!

(All information will be kept confidential)

Members of Sacred Heart? Yes / No If No, What Parish? _____

NOTE: parents of children wanting to receive a sacrament who are **not** members of our parish need to set a meeting with Fr. Jack and request permission from their parish's pastor.

Has your child been enrolled in Catholic Religious Formation? YES/NO

If YES, Name of Church? _____ City/State: _____ Dates Attended? _____

Has your child been BAPTIZED? YES / NO

If YES, Name of Church? _____ City/State: _____ Date: _____

Godparent Names: _____

Has your child been to FIRST CONFESSION? YES/NO

If YES, Name of Church: _____ City/State: _____ Date: _____

What mass as Sacred Heart does your family like to attend? _____

Does your child have special learning needs, medical challenges, or home situation we should be aware to help better serve them? If so, please explain _____

Yes, I give Sacred Heart permission to publish photos of my child.

Parent's Signature _____ Date: _____

R.C.I.A. = \$40 per child

1st Confession & 1st Communion = \$40 per child

Confirmation = \$80 per child

Cost includes all materials, supplies, retreats & t-shirt. Please make checks out to "Sacred Heart". Partial scholarships available to families in financial need. Please contact Brandy or Cassie for scholarship application form.

(Please see calendar for all class dates and times)

For Parish Use Only

Class Enrolled _____ Amount Paid _____ Date _____ Check# _____ Cash _____ Catechist _____

Form B Consent to Participate and Consent for Emergency Medical Treatment

**Catholic Diocese of Fort Worth and/or the Parish of Sacred Heart (Wichita Falls) Youth Ministry Program(s)
Consent To Participate/Consent for Emergency Treatment**

I, _____ grant permission for my child, _____
Parent or guardian's name Participant's Name

to participate in the below described parish event. This activity will take place under the guidance and direction of parish employees and/or volunteers from the above named parish.

A brief description of the activity follows:

Description of event: **Confirmation Retreat**

Date of event: **FRI – SUN, November 18 – 20, 2016**

Destination of event: **Black Sox Training Camp ~ Burkburnett, TX**

Individual(s) in charge: **Cassie Erazo & Michelle Schroeder & Vivian Wolf & Debbie Neely**

Estimated time of departure and return: **Retreat begins at 6PM on Friday at the Black Sox Training Camp and ends after the closing Mass in the afternoon at St. Jude in Burkburnett.**

Mode of transportation to and from event: **Parents are responsible for dropping their child off at the Black Sox Camp on FRI and picking up their child up from the Closing Mass at St. Jude in Burkburnett on SUN.**

During this event, I give permission for either of the adults named above in charge of the event to consent to emergency medical or surgical treatment for _____
Name of minor

There are no changes to insurance or medical information since I last filled out Form A for my child named above.

Please note the changes to insurance and medical information that has changed since I last filled out Form A for my child named above:



Signature of Parent/Guardian/Conservator _____

Please Print Name _____ Date _____

Cell Phone _____ Do you text? _____ Home Phone _____

If parent is not signing this consent form, please state the name of parent, if known _____

Emergency Contact Name _____ Cell _____ Do you text? _____

This form "CONSENT TO PARTICIPATE/CONSENT FOR EMERGENCY TREATMENT" must be attached to the Parent/Guardian/Conservator Permission and Liability Waiver form for each event attended (Form A).

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CONFIRMATION SPONSOR INFORMATION FORM

Sponsor must be:

- a *baptized, confirmed, and practicing Catholic* in “good standing” with the Church
- at least 16 years old
- *NOT* a parent to the candidate.

The sponsor should be someone preferably who lives locally so that they can be a present/active part of the candidate’s sacramental preparation.

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

CANDIDATE Name (first & last): _____

SPONSOR Name (first & last): _____

Sponsor’s Relationship to Candidate: _____

Sponsor’s Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Sponsor’s **Email**: _____

Sponsor’s Home Phone: _____

Sponsor’s Cell Phone: _____

*it is very important that you fill this information out **COMPLETELY** – don’t forget the email. We use the email address to keep your sponsor updated on important dates & meetings. If any of the information changes before you are confirmed, please notify Cassie Erazo.*

**if you are having difficulties finding a sponsor, please let Cassie know by email so that she can help connect you with someone willing to serve as a sponsor – cerazo@sacredheartwf.org **

Please return Sponsor’s Info by the Orientation Meeting (Sept 11) & let them know about the Confirmation Sponsor Retreat on *SUN, OCTOBER 2.*

THE ROLE OF A CONFIRMATION SPONSOR

- The role of a sponsor is very similar to the role of godparent.
- The sponsor is a model of how a person of faith lives in today's world.
- The sponsor is a friend or relative who knows the candidate and can witness to the maturing faith of the candidate before the community (the Church).
- The sponsor is a guide, a confidant, and a listener.
- The sponsor is also a learner who is interested in personal growth as she/he walks the faith journey with the candidate.
- The sponsor is one who will continue after Confirmation to walk the faith journey with the candidate and invite her/him into fuller participation in parish life and service.

IDEAS FOR HOW TO BUILD A RELATIONSHIP WITH YOUR CANDIDATE

- Engage in "One-Minute" Ministry: ask basic questions on how the candidate is doing in their daily life (school, religious ed, friends, etc.). In this way you will make a quick connection with your candidate by showing interest, as well as by giving affirmations and support.
- Pray for and with your candidate; you may want to begin or end a meeting together with a prayer. Be open to stretching yourself on this because the experience of shared prayer can be a powerful gift for both of you. Scheduling a specific time during the week when you will each pray for each other or discussing a particular theme for you to each pray about during the week is another way to share prayer (but it can be done separately).
- Celebrate Mass together. Attend a Deanery Youth Mass together.
- Discuss your Confirmation experience with them and question them about what they are learning in class. Exchange emails and have weekly "catch-up"s.
- Join them in service when they earn their Christian Ministry Awareness Hours.
- Pray together (ideas: hour of adoration, Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet, etc)
- Discuss the various parish organizations and introduce the candidate to some of the parish leadership.
- Engage in relationship-building activities like: playing a sport together, going for a hike, have breakfast together before Mass, go to the salon together, etc.
- Plan a special meal for the candidate and invite their close family and friends.
- During their Confirmation Retreat, go to the closing Mass to support them.
- Discuss how they plan to continue growing spiritually in their faith after Confirmation, encourage attendance in the Post-Confirmation classes, and investigate with them different Catholic campus ministries available to them at the universities they are interested in attending.