

## CONFIRMATION REQUIREMENTS AND PREPARATION PROCESS



*The Sacrament of Confirmation is the third sacrament of initiation into the life of the Catholic Church—the sacraments of baptism and communion have welcomed your child into the community of believers before this preparation process. Just as the initiation of a person into an organization marks the beginning of their involvement in the organization, so too does Confirmation mark the beginning of the candidate’s involvement in the Catholic Church. This is the beginning of their life-long journey of faith formation, fraternity and stewardship in our church.*

### PRAYER & WORSHIP

As Catholics we need to nurture our spiritual lives in order to deepen our relationship with God. Building relationships requires an investment of time, energy, and focus. It is therefore, expected that all Candidates for Confirmation attend \*Saturday/Sunday mass, attend the pre-Confirmation retreat, regularly spend personal time in prayer, participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. During the candidate’s final interview before Confirmation, they will be asked to describe how they have grown spiritually.

**\*Holy Name Mass schedule is as follows: Saturday 4:00 p.m., Sunday 8 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12:00 noon.**

### ATTEND ALL FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

Those candidates attending HN School have religion classes on a regular basis. Those attending the Faith Formation Program go to class only one time a week. It is the expectation that candidates attending the Faith Formation Program attend ALL classes. Participating in class discussion and prayer experiences during class is welcomed and encouraged.

### PARENT/CANDIDATE MEETING: TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2017

Parent/s and Candidate are required to attend the Parent/Candidate Meeting on **November 14, 2017, 7-8 p.m.**, HN Church. Speaker: Monsignor Zenz.

### CONFIRMATION NAME

Candidates may take a name for their Confirmation. The name should have personal meaning and significance for the candidate. For example, the name of a favorite patron saint or person that emulates the Catholic Christian lifestyle. Some candidates may choose to use their baptismal name. The candidate needs to be familiar with the saint or religious person who bears the name that they select—even if it is the name given them at their baptism. **Please see requirements for the “Saint Report” in this folder. The “Saint Report” is DUE: January 29, 2018.**

## SPONSOR SELECTION

The candidate for Confirmation needs to select a sponsor for Confirmation. This selection and all information for/by their sponsor needs is **DUE: November 6, 2017. Specific details for the sponsor will be found in the red folder.** Once the sponsor has been selected, through prayerful discernment, **all of the information for the sponsor (in this folder) must be given to the sponsor by the Candidate for Confirmation.**

## Confirmation "Mass of Enrollment" & Blessing

Candidates, parents, and sponsor (if possible), are asked to attend the **12:00 noon Mass on Sunday, January 21, 2018.** This Mass marks the beginning of the second segment of preparation for Confirmation.

## CONFIRMATION RETREAT

Candidates for Confirmation will attend the pre-Confirmation retreat. The purpose of this retreat is to provide Candidates the opportunity to grow in a deeper understanding and relationship with God, and help spiritually prepare the Candidates for the celebration of their Confirmation.

## RETREAT DATES:

- Faith Formation Students- **Sunday, January 28, 2018,** 1-6pm; St. Anne Hall.
- HN School, U of D, and A.S.H. Students- **Thursday, February 8, 2018,** 9am-2pm; St. Anne Hall. *Information regarding cost to follow.*

## COMMUNITY SERVICE/STEWARDSHIP

**As baptized and confirmed Catholics we are called to live our lives as "faithful stewards" (Luke 12:42). It is our duty and our privilege to serve others in the name of Christ Jesus.** Candidates for Confirmation are asked to fulfill 20 hours of service to those in need free-of-charge. Service may be concentrated on one project for 20 hours, or 20 hours in a variety of areas. Please remember that service projects that you are involved in at your schools count toward your 20 hours of service. In other words, you are not being asked to participate in 20 additional hours of service above and beyond what you are already doing through your school, scouting, or other community involvement. **The 20 hours of service and reflection sheet and service hour form (found in the red folder) are due March 5, 2018.**

## SCRIPTURE PAPER

**Due: March 5, 2018. Please see complete description and details found in the red folder.**

## FINAL INTERVIEW FOR CONFIRMATION -- BEGINNING MARCH 7, 2018

Candidates will participate in an interview to validate their readiness for the Sacrament of Confirmation. The interviewer (Director of Faith Formation, HN Staff Member, or HN School teacher) will ask the candidate to discuss their experiences during the preparation process including their community service/stewardship project, how their spiritual life has developed, and if and why they feel ready to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation.

- Before an interview is scheduled in March the Candidate for Confirmation must have submitted all required projects (listed on the cover sheet entitled: "Requirements for Confirmation").
- The interview date, time and place will be scheduled via "Sign-Up Genius". The interview appointment cannot be changed due to the complicated schedules of those doing the interviewing. Only in a dire circumstance (ex. Illness, death in the family, a wedding, etc.) will the interview time/date be changed.

#### **PRE-CONFIRMATION DINNER WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21, 2018**

The dinner is an opportunity for the Candidate and Sponsor to break bread together, fellowship with one another, and hear some of the Scripture papers read that the Candidates wrote and submitted.

#### **CONFIRMATION PRACTICE/MASS/RECEPTION**

**Practice for Confirmation Mass: Friday, April 13, 2018; 7-8:30pm Holy Name Church.** Both the Candidate and their sponsor must be at the practice (or a parent, if the sponsor is arriving from out-of-town, or has a prior commitment). Please arrive for practice 15 minutes before practice. Practice begins promptly at 7:00 p.m. in Holy Name Church.

**Confirmation Mass is scheduled for: Saturday, April 14, 4:00pm.** Candidates and their sponsor must **arrive no later than 3:15 p.m. and meet in St. Anne Hall.**

**Confirmation Reception:** The celebration of Confirmation will continue after the Mass with a reception in St. Anne's Hall. *Please pick-up your certificate of Confirmation at the reception.*

