

## **Confirmation Requirements/Agreement**

Requirements for receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation

**Age Requirements:** You must be a sophomore, junior, or senior in high school.

**Religious Education Requirements:** Attend all scheduled Confirmation Classes during 2008-2009 beginning in September and ending in April. **You may not miss more than 2 classes** during the year you will be Confirmed. Makeup work will be assigned for the sessions missed. The work must be completed and returned to the Parish Coordinator for High School Youth Ministry.

**Baptismal Certificate:** If you **WERE** baptized at Holy Rosary Church or Christ the King Church, you **need** to complete the "Confirmation Registration Form." If you **WERE NOT** baptized at either of the Idaho Falls Catholic Churches, a copy of your Baptismal Certificate must be included with the Confirmation Registration Form. ***YOU CANNOT BE CONFIRMED WITHOUT THESE FORMS. Copies must be received by October 12, 2008.***

**Choose a Sponsor:** Your sponsor must be a practicing Catholic. (See "Sponsor Guidelines"). You and your sponsor are required to have four meetings before Confirmation (See "Sponsor Meeting" Information). Your sponsor must be chosen and their name given to the Parish Coordinator ***by October 12, 2008.***

**Choose a Confirmation Name:** You may choose a saint's name or you can use the name given to you. You must submit the name to the Parish Coordinator **by October 12**. You will need to research your saint and know why you chose that particular saint. (See "Saint Name & Report" Information) You will be required to write a one-page report on your saint and submit to the Parish Coordinator ***by November 16, 2008.***

**You are required to make one retreat the year you're Confirmed:** Following is a list of retreats which will fulfill the requirements for Confirmation for 2008-09 (*This list is subject to change*):

**October 17-19, "Search" Christ the King:** This is a great weekend open to 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> graders. It is a time of searching for Christian maturity.

**December 13-14, "Reach" Christ the King:** This weekend is open to 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12<sup>th</sup> graders. College youth present the retreat challenging our youth to explore their relationship with Jesus through workshops, prayer, and personal testimonies.

**March 6-8, "Idaho Catholic Youth Convention" Boise:** This retreat is open to 9<sup>th</sup> thru 12 graders. It's an opportunity to meet Catholic youth from throughout Idaho and learn about their Catholic Faith.

**Test:** This test is not to test your faith; no one can do that except God. This test is to see if you have enough basic knowledge of the Catholic Religion to make an informed decision and take the final step to full membership of the Church on your own. The Bishop will ask me if you are ready to make that decision and without the test I have no way of knowing how to answer him truthfully.

**Prayer Service & Rehearsal:** This is held during an afternoon just prior to the Confirmation Liturgy. Bishop Driscoll usually announces in January or February when he will be coming to our area. As soon as this announcement is made, we will set the date for the Service/Rehearsal and you will be notified. **Your sponsor is required to attend the entire day with you.** Please let them know far enough in advance so they can make arrangements to be with you. You must attend to be Confirmed.

**Letter to the Bishop:** Each student planning to be Confirmed is required to write a letter to the Bishop. This letter may be written anytime during the year and given to the Parish Coordinator **by February 8, 2009.**

**Interview with High School Youth Coordinator:** This interview will take place later in the year before Confirmation but **no later than April 5, 2009**, to discuss your decision to be confirmed.

**Service Hours:** Each student will be required to perform 10 hours of service. These service hours must be completed **by April 5, 2009.**

*I \_\_\_\_\_ (print (youth's name) agree to complete the above requirements for Confirmation by the dates required. I understand that I will not be Confirmed if any item is not completed as required.*

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*Youth's signature*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*date*

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*Parent's Concurrence*

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*date*