

Who participates in the Confirmation Program?

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2010 is open to all high school teens who belong to St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church. The sacrament is received by choice of the teen. **He or she must assume ownership of the promises which were made by others on their behalf at Baptism.**

Our Confirmation program brings teens and adults together to study and explore how growth in the Spirit is a life long journey. Together participants share in their journey, and commit to share in the mission of Jesus - to know and worship God and love your neighbor.

According the Diocesan Guidelines, Candidates in the Confirmation program meet for at least 60 hours, complete 30 hours of service in the parish and the community, and participate in two retreats and a liturgical rite. The entire programs lasts one and half years.



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What are the components of the Confirmation Program?

Small Group Meetings

Over the span of 16-18 months, teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation investigate their faith by participating in a total of 27 small group meetings, held on **Wednesday evenings** in our church.

Meeting topics include: Jesus, Morality, Peace and Justice, Scripture, Liturgy, and the Called to Protect for Youth program.

Retreats

Confirmation candidates take part in two retreats with their small groups before receiving the sacrament. The opening retreat is in January at St. Margaret's. The final retreat is an extended experience in early spring of their final year.

Rite

In the fall of their second semester, the teens will participate in the Rite of Choosing during Mass.

Service Hours

Since living lives of service is an important aspect of carrying out our faith, teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation are *required* to perform a minimum of 30 hours of service while in the program. Areas of service include the parish, the local community, and the broader community. At least 10 hours of service must be completed in each of these three areas.

Youth may serve the parish by volunteering to perform liturgical roles such as usher, greeter, server, or hospitality. They may also get involved in parish ministries such as Religious Education, or helping at the parish picnic.

Areas of service in the local community can include volunteering in neighborhood schools, nursing homes, hospitals, the recycling center, and Lee's Summit Social Services.

Each teen **MUST** serve at St. James Soup Kitchen at least once. Other opportunities for service to the broader community can include Special Olympics, Harvesters, and Hope House.

Service opportunities will be posted on a table as the teens enter church every time they meet. We are called to be Jesus for one another. Service helps us respond to that call.

Sponsor/Candidate Meetings

Candidates for Confirmation select an **adult** sponsor, who helps the teen prepare for the sacrament and serves as a witness to its reception. Sponsor/Candidate meetings are held on Sunday afternoons or evenings starting in December of their final year. Large group sessions focus on the wisdom and worship of the Roman Catholic Church, including the Sacraments.

When is the deadline for participants to enroll in Confirmation 2010?

The deadline for registration is **Sunday, November 16, 2008**. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after the opening retreat.

What is the fee for the Confirmation Program?

The cost of the program is \$70 per person. Registrations turned in after November 16, 2008 will be charged a \$20 late fee. The money is used for expenses associated with group meetings, sponsor/candidate meetings, and retreats.

