

***Who participates in the Confirmation Program?***

Preparation for the Sacrament of Confirmation in 2011 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 assumes ownership of the promises which were made 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.

Candidates in the Confirmation program meet in small groups in conjunction with our youth program throughout one calendar year, share in five service experience reflections, take part in four Sponsor/Candidate meetings, two retreats and a liturgical rite.



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## **What are the components of the Confirmation Program?**

### *Small Group Meetings*

Teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation investigate their Catholic faith by participating in small group meetings held on **Sunday evenings**, often with youth group, over one calendar year.

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

### *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 throughout the year. Large group sessions focus on the wisdom and worship of the Roman Catholic Church, including the Sacraments. In November, sponsors and candidates will share in the final retreat.

### *Retreats*

Confirmation candidates take part in two retreats before receiving the sacrament. The opening retreat is with their small groups in January. The final retreat is with their sponsors in November.

### *Rite*

In September, the teens will participate in the Rite of Choosing during Mass.

### *Service*

Since living lives of service is an important aspect of carrying out our faith, teens preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation will participate in and reflect on several service experiences.

Each teen will serve at St. James Soup Kitchen the month their small group discusses Peace & Justice. They will also create a Hunger Banquet for the parish during Lent and join another service opportunity with the youth group in November.

Five times through out the year, as listed on the calendar, teens must come to Confirmation prepared to reflect on a service experience. 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.

### *Interview*

Personal interviews with all Confirmation candidates will be conducted in November.

## **When is the deadline for participants to enroll in Confirmation 2011?**

The deadline for registration is **Sunday, November 22, 2009**. Absolutely no registrations will be accepted after the opening retreat on January 23.

## **What is the fee for the Confirmation Program?**

The cost of the program is \$70 per person. Registrations turned in after November 22, 2009 will be charged a \$20 late fee. The money is used for expenses associated with group meetings, sponsor/candidate meetings, and retreats.

*"and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the holy Spirit that has been given to us." Romans 5:5*

