

Sacred Heart Confirmation Program Requirements

The Confirmation program at Sacred Heart is a sacramental preparation program designed to help deepen and strengthen your child's faith in God. Through a series of classes and opportunities for prayer, reflection and service, the goal is prepare your child to receive the grace of God and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is hoped that by the end of the program, which culminates in receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation, your child will be more aware of his or her role the Catholic community. Our program is more meaningful for your child if the following requirements are met.

- ❖ The Confirmation program is a two-year program divided into two semesters per year. The fall and spring semesters consist of six consecutive weeks. Class times are 6:45 to 8:15 p.m. Classroom instruction is designed around Catholic teachings and traditions with special emphasis on the meaning of the Sacrament of Confirmation.
- ❖ We expect students to attend all classes. If a student is repeatedly absent, then he or she is expected to repeat the year.
- ❖ Weekly Mass attendance strengthens our bond with God and our community and therefore, is a requirement of the Confirmation program. The weekly readings are tied into each class; so Mass attendance is necessary for the student to participate fully in the lessons. The 5:15 Mass on Sundays is a good option.
- ❖ We are blessed to have a volunteer staff of enthusiastic and dedicated teachers who spend time, both in and outside of class, preparing lessons that are engaging and faith-filled. Our students show their respect for the efforts made by these caring adults through thoughtful participation and reflection in class. When students have difficulty participating in a serious manner, it may be a sign they are not ready to confirm their faith and may be asked to return the following year.
- ❖ Students are required to attend one Outreach Day per year. Outreach Days are opportunities for your child, working with other students in small groups, to go out into the community to perform service for others. After completing their service, students meet back at the school for lunch and reflections. One Outreach Day is scheduled for each semester, on a Saturday, and is a full-day commitment. Please check the calendar for the dates and times of the service days as soon as possible to choose the date that works best for your child.
- ❖ Year II students are expected to attend a Day of Reflection and Interviews prior to receiving Confirmation. Please check calendar for dates and times.
- ❖ Copies of Baptismal certificates and First Communion date and parish need to be submitted with the registration form.
- ❖ The registration fee per year is \$45.00 for one child, \$90.00 for two children, and a maximum of \$120.00 for three or more children in the Sacred Heart religious education program. There is an additional fee for Year II Confirmation students covering ceremony-related costs.
- ❖ All registration forms, Confirmation paperwork and the class calendar are available on the Sacred Heart website: <http://www.sh-roslindale.org/confirmation.php>