

Confirmation Preparation Guidelines 2009-2010

The Goal:

The Goal of Confirmation preparation is to lead the candidate toward a more intimate union with Christ and a more lively familiarity with the Holy Spirit in order to be more capable of assuming the apostolic responsibilities of Christian life (*Catechism of the Catholic Church*, art.1309).

When and Where:

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on Sunday, January 24, 2010 at St. Luke's at 5:00 p.m. – a reception will follow. (The rehearsal for Confirmation will be Saturday, Jan 23 at 7:15 p.m. in the Church)

Who can be Confirmed?

Students are eligible for Confirmation if they:

1. are in the 10th grade or older and their families are registered in the parish
2. are enrolled in a weekly religious education program, like Keysis or Holy Trinity C.H.S.
3. have fulfilled their attendance requirement for the previous year (60% attendance at Keysis or another approved program)

Requirements:

1. Catechesis –
 - a) Participation in weekly religious education (Keysis, HTCHS, or another approved program) for their Freshman and Sophomore year.
 - b) Saint Report – One Page hand written biography on the life of their Confirmation Saint due by the December 13th preparation class.
 - b) The Preparation Sessions are in the Upper Room (Youth Center) in the Pastoral Center from 9:30 -10:45 a.m. on the following Sundays:
 - Session 1 – Sunday, Oct. 4 – for Candidates and Parents.
 - Session 2 – Sunday, Nov. 1 – for Candidates.
 - Session 3 – Sunday, Dec. 13 – for Candidates and Sponsors.
 - Session 4 – Sunday, Jan. 10 – for Candidates and Parents.
 - d) Mandatory Confirmation Retreat, Saturday, Jan. 23 from 9:30 a.m.-8:00 p.m.
2. Spiritual Formation –
 - a) One Retreat weekend (Keysis Fall Retreat-Oct. 17-18, 2009, Austin DCYC-Jan. 29-31, 2010, or HTCHS retreat)
 - b) Service Projects – Attend and participate in at least two of the service opportunities offered this semester or sign up for regular ministry within the church (lector, altar server, usher, choir, etc.).
3. Liturgical/Ritual -
 - Participate in the weekly Sunday Masses.

Recommendations:

- 1: Pre-Confirmation:
 - a) Prayer (Five minutes a day)
 - b) Scripture (Five minutes a day of Bible reading)
- 2: Post Confirmation:
 - a) Keysis
 - b) Service in Parish Ministry
 - c) NET D-Week as follow up and deepening commitment to Christian life –date TBA