

St. Veronica Parish
CONFIRMATION
Program

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Dear Confirmation Candidates and Parents,

Welcome to the sacramental year for Confirmation. This program is a time of prayerful thought and active formation for the young men and women of our parish. Confirmation, along with Baptism and Eucharist, mark our sacramental initiation into the church. In Confirmation, we receive, confirm and strengthen the gift of the Holy Spirit first received at Baptism. At St. Veronica, the Confirmation program is open to those of high-school age who have completed the preparation year of religious education, either in the Parish Faith Formation program or in the Parish School.

The format of the program provides for education, worship, service and reflection in preparation for reception of the sacrament. Our candidates for Confirmation will participate in a series of “small group” sessions, get to know each other at a welcome event, meet occasionally together during Sunday liturgy, attend Mass on a regular basis, serve our parish and local community, and attend a weekend retreat. The small groups meet evenings in the homes of our catechists or in the Pastoral Center, typically 10 times during the program.

The role of the sponsor is an important one in the sacrament of Confirmation and is not just an honor given to a good friend or favorite relative. Along with the parents and catechists, the Confirmation sponsor will personally help guide the candidate during his or her journey of faith. Sponsorship implies a real appreciation of the faith and a sense of responsibility toward the candidate. By Canon Law, a sponsor must be at least 16 years old, a fully initiated (having received Baptism, Eucharist, & Confirmation), practicing Catholic and may not be the parent of the candidate. The sponsor should be someone the candidate admires and must be capable of assisting the candidate in preparing for the sacrament. The candidate should take some time to prayerfully consider the choice of a sponsor, but choose their sponsor BEFORE the program begins so they can fully join you on this Confirmation journey. If you have questions, please contact Karen at the Faith Formation Office.

Correspondence and questions should be directed to Karen Guglielmoni, Faith Formation Coordinator. In late August, families will receive an email with the date of the orientation meeting (typically in September) and other information.

We will not be able to request our date for Confirmation from the Archdiocese until during the Confirmation 2019-20 program, and we will not know our actual date until it is assigned by the Archdiocese. Typically our Confirmation Mass occurs in late winter or early spring. Please rest assured that, as soon as we are assigned the date and celebrant, the information will be passed on to the families!

Kindly send your Confirmation registration form, copy of the candidate's baptismal certificate (unless baptized at St. Veronica) and payment to the Pastoral Center Office, attn. "Confirmation 2019-20" no later than June 30, 2019.

We look forward to joining you in this journey of faith!
Yours in the Spirit,
Karen Guglielmoni and The Confirmation Team

ST. VERONICA CONFIRMATION REGISTRATION FORM

2019-20

Please PRINT CLEARLY

Candidate's full Baptismal Name _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

School in Fall 2019 _____ Student's email address _____

Your Parish Church _____ Baptized at _____

(Church where you regularly attend Mass) (Church, city where baptized**)

****Please attach a copy of the Candidate's Baptismal Certificate if not baptized at St. Veronica**

Parents'/Guardians' Information

Names _____

Mother's Maiden Name _____ Family's Home Number _____

Email address(es) _____

Mother's/Guardian's Primary Contact Phone Number _____

Father's/Guardian's Primary Contact Phone Number _____

Parent/Guardian signature _____

† On the lines below, the candidate will please answer the following questions in a complete, thoughtful manner: 1. Why do I wish to become a confirmed member of the Catholic Church? 2. Why is it important for me to be confirmed at this time?

Please complete the Sponsor Information on the reverse side of this form as well.

The fee for the Confirmation Program is \$150. If paying by check, please make payable to: "St. Veronica Parish" and write in the memo space: Confirmation 2019-20 and the candidate's name.

Please return the following to the St. Veronica Pastoral Center no later than June 30, 2019:

- 1. Registration form (both sides)
- 2. Confirmation program fee (payment program is available)
- 3. Copy of baptismal certificate (if St. Veronica, information is in the Parish records)

Confirmation Candidate's Sponsor Information

Please PRINT CLEARLY

Please have your sponsor fill out the following information

Congratulations on being chosen to fulfill the role of a sponsor for the Candidate in our Confirmation program! You are about to enter a wonderful journey with one of the amazing young adults of our parish. In addition to participating in the Confirmation Mass, you will be asked to meet independently with the Candidate to discuss their faith journey and also attend a few other masses and events in support of the Candidate.

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Candidate's Name _____

Sponsor's Information (Candidate may have ONE sponsor only)

Name _____ Relationship _____

Primary Phone Number _____ Secondary Phone Number _____

Sponsor's Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Sponsor's email address _____

Parish in which the sponsor received the sacrament of Confirmation _____

Parish in which the sponsor is an active member _____

The following questions are to be answered by the prospective sponsor:

I participate in or serve my parish community by _____

I practice my Catholic faith by (please consider both for the Church and in your daily life)
